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GERMAN NEWSPAPERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO CORRECT BOASTS MADE BY GEN. BRAUCHITSCH

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CORRECT THE BOASTS MADE BY GENERAL VON BRAUCHITSCH, CHIEF OF THE GERMAN ARMY STAFF, THAT BRITAIN WAS PROTECTED BY THE ENGLISH CHANNEL ONLY SO LONG AS IT PLEASES GERMANY, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

One newspaper has warned the Germans that the conquest of England is not easy nor quickly carried out. "In achieving an undertaking of such magnitude, a few months more or less is of no importance," states the paper.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO AIRMEN

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore has sent a Christmas message to every unit of the air force.

He said: "To all ranks of the R.A.F. the Royal Australian Air Force and the South African Air Force—you have all played your part splendidly in maintaining the high traditions of our service. With our ever increasing resources and the high morale in our struggle, we shall look forward to a victorious new year and a happier Christmas."

FURTHER EFFORTS

General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East, in a special Order of the day to his troops said:

"The operations have not ended and further efforts in the same spirit as before will bring further successes. What you have achieved is a triumph of careful preparation, good administration and hard training. Our striking forces could not have moved so rapidly without the co-operation of all workers."

Gen. Wavell also added a word of special thanks to the supply services and the signal service.

ITALIAN SHIP DETAINED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Japanese military authorities have detained the Italian steamer, Commandante Carlini, on its arrival here with \$30,000 worth of cotton from the Yangtze Delta without a Japanese permit.

This makes the sixth Axis ship to be detained by the Japanese within a week as on Dec. 21 three Italian and two German Yangtze River freighters were detained owing to alleged failure previously to obtain export and removal permits from the Japanese before shipping raw material from occupied areas to Shanghai.

Sympathy Between Two Fleets

LONDON, DEC. 26 (REUTERS)—HEADS OF THE BRITISH AND UNITED STATES NAVIES HAVE EXCHANGED LETTERS AND GIFTS MARKING THE SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO FLEETS.

"I have learned with great satisfaction that you had a medal one of the former American destroyers, now part of the British Fleet, the Lincoln," Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the United States Navy, wrote to Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, adding: "Surely in a war fought for the preservation of human liberty, no more significant name could have been chosen."

Col. Knox adds the hope that one picture would be hung in the Admiralty, and one in the wardroom of the destroyer Lincoln.

TRIBUTE TO COURAGE, TENACITY

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—A tribute to the courage and tenacity of all units of the British Fleet is paid in a Christmas message from the Admiralty.

The message points out that the same conditions prevailed now as last year when the Admiralty referred to the necessity for pursuing the war at sea with the same unrelenting zeal during the Christmas season as it had been since the beginning of the war.

HIGHEST ORDER

"During the past year our surface forces, submarines and aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm have been in contact with the enemy on many occasions and have invariably shown a fighting spirit and tenacity of purpose of the highest order."

"At the same time the smaller units employed on escort, patrol and minesweeping have carried out their arduous duties, so essential to the defence of our trade and the life of the country, in a courageous and tireless manner in all weather and have earned the gratitude and admiration of the Admiralty."

Treatment Of Polish Servants

A Munich newspaper published another warning to German housewives not to treat their Polish servants too well, stating a message from London.

They are reminded that a Polish woman is a child of the people who assist to work for others.

Polish girls must be treated just like Polish workers, who must work and live behind barbed wires. German families are warned that Polish servants must never become one of the German family as they are aliens and something not quite human.

Indian Troops Mechanised

SINGAPORE, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Indian troops, which arrived recently, comprised virtually a complete army of infantry, sappers, miners and auxiliary services.

"They are completely mechanised. Singapore had never seen such a large body of troops with full war equipment disembarked within such a short time. Lorries, trucks, motorcycles, staff cars and other vehicles being loaded at top speed. The troops are now distributed throughout the island for intensive training to accustom themselves to jungle warfare."

R.A.F. Activity In The Albanian Campaign Reviewed: Valona Bombed Eleven Times In Period Of Six Weeks

LONDON, DEC. 26 (REUTERS)—THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE ITALIAN ARMY SUFFERED FROM R.A.F. ACTIVITY DURING THE CAMPAIGN IN ALBANIA IS REVEALED IN AN AIR MINISTRY BULLETIN REVIEWING OPERATIONS FROM NOV. 7 TO DEC. 21.

Thus Valona alone has been bombed 11 times during that period. A munition dump was exploded on Nov. 11, two large ships set on fire on Dec. 2, another munition dump blown up on Dec. 6 and a large ship damaged on Dec. 7, still another on Dec. 10; barracks burned on Dec. 14, a warehouse on Dec. 15 and a petrol dump on Dec. 19.

These, of course, were only the main features in the persistent attacks on this one port.

Durazzo has been bombed six times. A petrol depot was completely gutted and a wooden jetty burnt on Nov. 11 while a 10,000-ton ship was hit and a smaller one set ablaze on Nov. 15.

Santi Quaranta was twice bombed before its capture by the Greeks; the docks being damaged.

Apart from attacks on these three ports, other R.A.F. objectives included the bombing of a motor transport between Lakopkapta and Koritza on Nov. 14 when an important bridge was destroyed, a road damaged at Konopol on Nov. 10, hangars set on fire at Tirana aerodrome on Nov. 19, a bridge set on fire north of Santi Quaranta on Dec. 1, an important bridge destroyed at Keloeye on Dec. 4 while important road junctions of Tepelini have been twice bombed, once through cloud and snow storms.

Argyrocastro and Pogradetz were both attacked before their capture by the Greeks, fires and explosions being caused.

Operating in mountainous country somewhat resembling in climate and topography as the northwest frontier of India, R.A.F. fighters also played a part in support of the Greeks in Albania.

Gladator aircraft arrived in Greece on Nov. 18 and on the very same day destroyed nine Italian aircraft.

Heavy casualties, panic and confusion were caused when three columns of Italian infantry and miles were attacked near Elbasan on Nov. 24.

Seven out of the 20 Italian aircraft met on Nov. 24 were destroyed, three more were destroyed on Dec. 2, eight more on Dec. 4, two on Dec. 23 and eight on Dec. 21.

In addition to 37 Italian aircraft certainly destroyed, a number of others have probably been destroyed against the total loss of nine British aircraft.

The bulletin concludes with a tribute to the Greek Air Force for their skill and courage which has evoked the admiration of their British comrades.

"OUR FEET ARE PLANTED ON THE PATH TO VICTORY"

THAILAND FRONTIER SKIRMISHES

BANGKOK, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Day long skirmishes on the Thai-Indo-China frontier on Christmas eve, are reported in the latest communique.

The incidents occurred along a salient from Nakorn Phanom in the north to Aranya Prades in the south.

The communique states: "The French fired across the frontier with both artillery and machine-guns. Our guns vigorously replied, scoring several direct hits, silencing the French guns, but one woman was killed and two men slightly injured on this side of the frontier. It is believed that the French also suffered casualties."

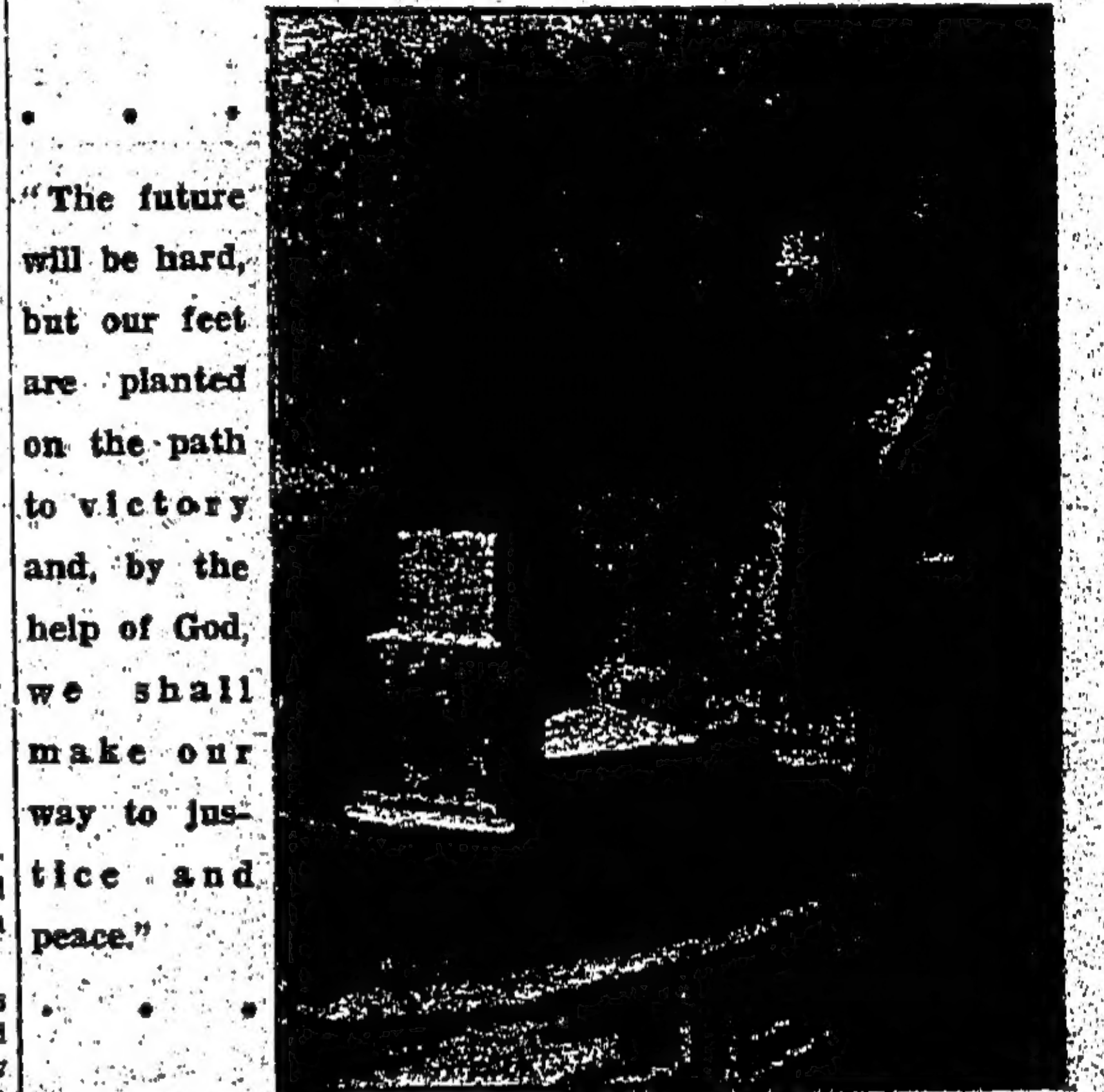
FRANCE DEEP IN SNOW

Christmas in France was celebrated in very cold weather and the whole country was deep in snow, states a London message.

In Toulon, 22 deg. of frost was reported on Christmas night, and the temperature was 9 deg. below freezing point at midday in bright sunshine.

A heavy fall of snow is also reported in Rome.

H. M. The King's Christmas Message To His People



"The future will be hard, but our feet are planted on the path to victory and, by the help of God, we shall make our way to justice and peace."

"In days of peace," said His Majesty, "the feast of Christmas is a time when we all gather in our homes, young and old, to enjoy the happy festivities and goodwill of what the Christmas message brings. It is most of all a children's day and I am sure that we shall do our best to make it a happy one for them wherever they may be."

"War brings, among other things, sadness and separation. There are many in the forces away from their homes today, because they must stand ready and alert to resist the invader, should he dare to come, or because they are guarding the dark seas or pursuing the beaten foe on the Libyan desert."

"Many families are without their children from English homes as today in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, for not only have the manhood of our British Commonwealth rallied once more to the aid of the mother country in her hour of need, but the peoples of the Empire have gladly thrown open the doors of their homes to our children so that they may be spared from the dangers of modern war."

"And in the United States also, where we find so many generous and loyal friends and organisations to give us unstinted help, warm-hearted people are caring for many of our children until the war is over. But how many more children are there here, who have been moved from their homes to safer quarters."

"To all of them, at home and abroad, who are separated from their fathers and mothers, and to all who love them and the parents who will be lonely without them, from all in our island we wish them every happiness that Christmas can bring."

IN THE FRONT LINE
"May the New Year carry us towards victory and to happy Christmas days when everyone is friendly."

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Willingdon Thanks Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—The extraordinary friendly reception and sympathy shown us by this friendly city, is commended with gratitude by LORD WILLINGDON, Head of the British Trade Mission, in a farewell message to Uruguay on the conclusion of the Mission's visit.

Lord Willingdon writes: "Even before we came we were aware of the characteristic cordiality and hospitality of Uruguay, but the warmth of our welcome by the Government and the people nevertheless, came as a surprise."

"Moreover, your deep feeling of understanding regarding the struggle in which my country is engaged, has touched our hearts."

"I think the best message I could leave with you is to reiterate that our confidence that victory will be gained and our determination to achieve it remain unchangeable and that the defence of all those good and fine things that are dear to the new world as to us, will always be safe in our charge."

ISTANBUL, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—General Dents, who was appointed French High Commissioner of Syria, arrived from Constantinople, proceeding to Beyrouth via Ankara and will, it is reported, officially visit Ankara in the next fortnight.

ber of others have probably been destroyed against the total loss of nine British aircraft.

The bulletin concludes with a tribute to the Greek Air Force for their skill and courage which has evoked the admiration of their British comrades.

Yugoslavia Will Keep Out Of War

The Foreign Minister of Yugoslavia, M. Markovitch stated yesterday that Yugoslavia is determined to keep out of war and to maintain friendly and peaceful relations with all her neighbours, states a London message.

He said that Yugoslavia has created a friendly atmosphere with her neighbours and she will do all in her power to keep that atmosphere friendly.

British Bombers Attack 'Dromes Beyond Tobruk

In North Africa, British bombers made attacks on aerodromes beyond Tobruk, states a London message.

All the bombs fell in the target area, but the extent of the damage could not be seen.

Throughout the day our fighters were patrolling over Libya, but did not come across a single Italian plane.

The Italians have been trying to break up the British forces around Bardia with dive bombing attacks. Most of the attacks are reported to have been ineffective and caused only two casualties.

Today's News Summary

THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, Mr. A. V. Alexander, has received from Col. Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of the Navy, two pictures of Abraham Lincoln. One will hang in the ward room of H.M.S. Lincoln, a destroyer recently transferred to the Royal Navy from the U.S. Navy, and the other in the First Lord's room in the Admiralty.

THE EXTRAORDINARY FRIENDLY RECEPTION shown by the friendly city of Montevideo is commented on with gratitude by Lord Willingdon in a farewell message to Uruguay on the conclusion of the British Trade Mission's visit to South American countries.

IN A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE, THE ADMIRALTY paid warm tribute to the courage and tenacity of all units of the British Fleet, while in a message to the air forces Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore expressed thanks to all units for the part they are playing.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES WERE ISSUED BY H.M. the King, Queen Wilhelmina, President Roosevelt and His Holiness the Pope.

A BITTER BRAWL IN A CAFE IN SHANGHAI is reported and it is stated that nine American marines were sent to hospital. A hundred American and Italian marines participated.

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RECORD CROWD ATTEND RACE MEETING AT KWANTI

Fanling Cup Won By Mr. P. P. Botelho: Special Sweep

HELD IN IDEAL WEATHER CONDITIONS, THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE FANLING HUNT AND RACE CLUB, at Kwanti, yesterday, was a success from the point of attendance and fine racing.

There was a record attendance, and the crowd was such as to upset all transportation arrangements as the number of carriages on the special train was absolutely inadequate.

Hundreds of race-goers went to Fanling by motor-cars and taxis rather than travel on the overcrowded train.

On arrival at Fanling, the buses were so few that the majority of those who went out by train walked to the course. The return trip by train was worse, as two to three hundred racing fans were left stranded on the platform, there to cool their heels for 45 minutes as the special train was packed to overcrowding and those left behind had to return to Kowloon on the ordinary slow train.

The arrangements at the paying-out counters of the pari-mutuel, both win and places—could be considerably improved, as could also the service in these departments. Successful punters had to wait as long as 40 minutes to collect their winnings, with the result that there were grumblings galore.

GOVERNOR PRESENT
H.E. the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. H. F. Norton, accompanied by Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C., and Mr. G. E. Trevorton, Private Secretary, arrived before the second race, as did H.E. Maj.-Gen. A. E. Grasett, Sir Athol MacGregor, Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue and Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Sommers.

Dividends were, on the whole, low as the majority of the favourites turned up. The only real upset was caused by Chatterbox when it romped home to pay \$16 for a win in the fifth race.

Mr. P. Y. T. Wei was the most successful jockey with two wins, while Mr. P. P. Botelho piloted Quick Despatch to victory in the Fanling Cup event.

It is most regrettable that there are only two more meetings on the calendar of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club as, with better travel and pari-mutuel arrangements, the meetings of this Club would be as popular as that held yesterday.

RACE ONE

Putting March Brown to the front from the word "go" L. J. A. Fielden allowed his mount to lead all the way to the winning post. Zero and Mortmain were second and third, respectively, and finished in that order.

Three Farthings was fourth.
"The Talpa Hurdle Race" (11 miles)
Mr. W. T. Stanton's March Brown, 189 lbs. (Mr. L. J. A. Fielden) 1
Mr. M. F. L. Haynes' Zero, 160 lbs. (Mr. M. F. L. Haynes) 2
Mr. J. G. Whitaker's Mortmain, 180 lbs. (Mr. T. W. Chatter) 3
Won by many lengths, a neck between second and third.
Time: 2:54.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner: \$11.50.
Places: \$3.25; \$1.40; \$0.90.
Also ran:—Cape Comorin 170 lbs. (Maj. Hunt); Clowner 165 (Lt.-Col. Way); Dow Jones 160 (Capt. Hook); Three Farthings 160 (Capt. Ingram).

Betting

	Win.	Place
Cape Comorin	17	24
Clowner	253	213
Dow Jones	107	135
March Brown	438	408
Mortmain	144	127
Three Farthings	58	69
Zero	209	210

RACE TWO

Lucky Eleven had no difficulty of annexing the first prize in this sprint event for it led all the way from start to finish, followed by Arabian Cat and National Liberty. Sunshine Susele was fourth.

"The Happy Valley Handicap" (A flat race of 1 mile)
Mr. Ironside's Lucky Eleven, 151 lbs. (Mr. P. Y. T. Wei) 1
Mr. K. O. A. Arabian Cat, 160 lbs. (Mr. P. Y. T. Wei) 2
Mr. Why's National Liberty, 158 lbs. (Mr. B. L. Tao) 3
Won by half length, half length between second and third.
Time: 1:32.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner: \$15.10.
Places: \$3.00; \$1.50; \$0.10.
Also ran:—Gallant Marshal 158 lbs. (G. O. L. L. L.); Gold Eagle 167 (L. J. A. Fielden); King's Envoy 163 (L. J. A. Fielden); Sunshine Susele 144 (L. J. A. Fielden); Wild Bear 144 (Chatterbox).

Betting

	Win.	Place
Arabian Cat	222	207
Gallant Marshal	201	137
Gold Eagle	18	48
King's Envoy	69	154

NORWICH GIVES LESSON IN GOAL GETTING

Home Soccer Scores

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The following are the results of Home football matches played yesterday:—

NORTH
Blackburn 0, Preston 0
Bradford 0, Huddersfield 5
Burley, Manchester 0
Bury 5, Halifax 5
Wrexham 2, Chester 1
Chesterfield 2, York 0
Doncaster 0, Lincoln 0
Grimsby 1, Hull 1
Leeds 2, Bradford 1
Liverpool 3, Everton 1
Manchester U., Stockport
Rochdale, Oldham
Rotherham 0, Barnsley 3
Sheffield U. 0, Sheffield Wed. 0
Southport 2, New Brighton 4
Tranmere 1, Crewe 2

SOUTH
Bournemouth 7, Bristol C. 1
Brentford 2, Queen's P.R. 1
Norwich 18, Brighton 0
Crystal Pal. 0 v. Charlton 2
Southend 0, Calcutta Orient 3
Coventry, Stoke
Chelsea 5, Fulham 2
Northampton 5, Leicester 2
Notts F. 2, Notts C. 4
Reading 4 v. Aldershot 5
Portsmouth 1, Southampton 2
Swansea 1, Cardiff 3
Tottenham 3, Millwall 3
Walsall 6, Birmingham 3
Watford 2, Luton 2
West Ham 4, Arsenal 2

RETURN MATCHES (Northern)
Crewe 2, Tranmere 2
Barnsley 3, Rotherham 3
Rochdale 2, Oldham 3
Huddersfield 3, Bradford C. 4
Lincoln 3, Doncaster 1
Chester 1, Wrexham 3

(Southern)
Leicester 7, Northampton 2
Luton 4, Watford 1.

CHRISTMAS RUGBY RESULTS

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The following are the results of matches played in the Rugby League yesterday.
Bradford 27, Bramley 2
Castleford 4, Wakefield 11
Dewsbury 8, Featherstone 13
Huddersfield 8, Halifax 12
Hull 13, Hunslet 11
Leeds 28, Batley 8
Liverpool 8, Warrington 10
Wigan 12, Salford 6
York 29, Keighley 13.

ARMY RUGBY XV

The following will represent the Army v. the Navy in the second round of the Quadrangular Tournament at Happy Valley at 2.45 p.m. on Saturday.
L/C. Picton; L/Sgt. Richards. Capt. Hook; Capt. Douglass. Pte. McDonald; Lt. Coombes, 2/Lt. Wedderburn; Cpl. Sutherland, 2/Lt. Ford, 2/Lt. Bompas, 2/Lt. Heath, 2/Lt. Miller, 2/Lt. Pinkerton, Capt. Duke, Cpl. Gilliam.
RESERVES:—L/C. Foley, Capt. Barclay, Pte. Berry, L/Sgt. Marsh, 2/Lt. Eddison.

International Charity Soccer Competition

England Defeat Portugal: A. V. Gosano Injured

One of the biggest surprises for some time in local soccer was provided by SCOTLAND on Christmas Day, when they defeated the redoubtable CHINA eleven by six goals to five in the semi-final of the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup competition at Boundary Street.

The game was full of thrills and excitement and was fought out at a gruelling pace, the Scots staging a wonderful rally in the second half.

On the Kowloon ground yesterday ENGLAND had to fight all the way against PORTUGAL whom they just beat by the odd goal in five. The Portuguese played a much better game than was expected and deserved a better fate especially as they played with ten men for almost the whole game.

HARD FIGHT BY PORTUGAL

Defeating Portugal by the odd goal in five yesterday afternoon England qualified to meet Scotland in the final.

Playing with only ten men, A. V. Gosano having been hurt early on, Portugal put up a great fight and only the grand work of the English intermediate line, Pope, Bright and Britt, prevented a nippy Portuguese forward line from turning the tide.

The game started at a fast pace with both sides attacking in turn. A. V. Gosano sent a through pass to Gomes who eluded Freshwater to part to Campos. The latter sent in a low shot which Robinson did well to save.

Taking up the attack again England nearly scored. Fox, after making a good run down the wing, centred lowly and Rickford's weak header was easily saved by Marques.

A. V. Gosano received an injury to his left knee and had to be carried off the field. His place was taken over by his brother, B. T.

ENGLAND SCORE

After a nice movement initiated by Bright, Hendy opened the account for England. This lead, however, was short-lived, the Portuguese drawing level through Santos who netted after Robinson had saved a ground shot from Campos.

After the interval Portugal were the first to look dangerous. Showing a fine burst of speed Gomes ran through to gather a pass from Santos but was robbed by Robinson just in time. Excitement reached a high pitch and a few of the players were cautioned by the referee.

Portugal made strenuous efforts but with only four forwards they could not get through the stout resistance of Roughley and Freshwater. A. V. Gosano made two attempts to continue the game but had to give up.

NICE MOVEMENT

Following a nice movement down the middle Hendy ran through to beat Marques with a nice shot to give England the lead. Undaunted Portugal again moved up to the attack and Campos, Santos and Gomes were seen in some bouts of pretty passing, as the result of one of which Campos equalised.

England attacked strongly and for the next 15 minutes pinned Portugal in their half of the field. "Bertie" Gosano did yeoman service, on several occasions clearing just in time. Marques also came in for his share of work. Portugal's goal had narrow escapes, both Fox and Saw just falling to score.

About ten minutes from time Hendy netted the winning goal and thus completed his "hat trick." This came when B. Gosano miskicked a centre from Rickford allowing Hendy an open goal.

The game, on the whole, attained quite a high standard. England played the pace much better but several of the Portuguese players were showing "bellows to mend" in the second half. It was unfortunate that Portugal had to play without their stalwart A. V. Gosano, for a greater part of the game though England also lost the services of Britt for some 15 minutes in the second half.

ENGLAND: Robinson; Roughley, Freshwater; Pope, Bright, Britt; Fox, Le Page, Hendy, Saw and Rickford.

PORTUGAL: V. Marques; C. F. Remedios; D. Alves; Maxwell; A. V. Gosano; J. Pereira; H. Campos; J. Gomes; B. T. Gosano; C. Santos and T. Alves.

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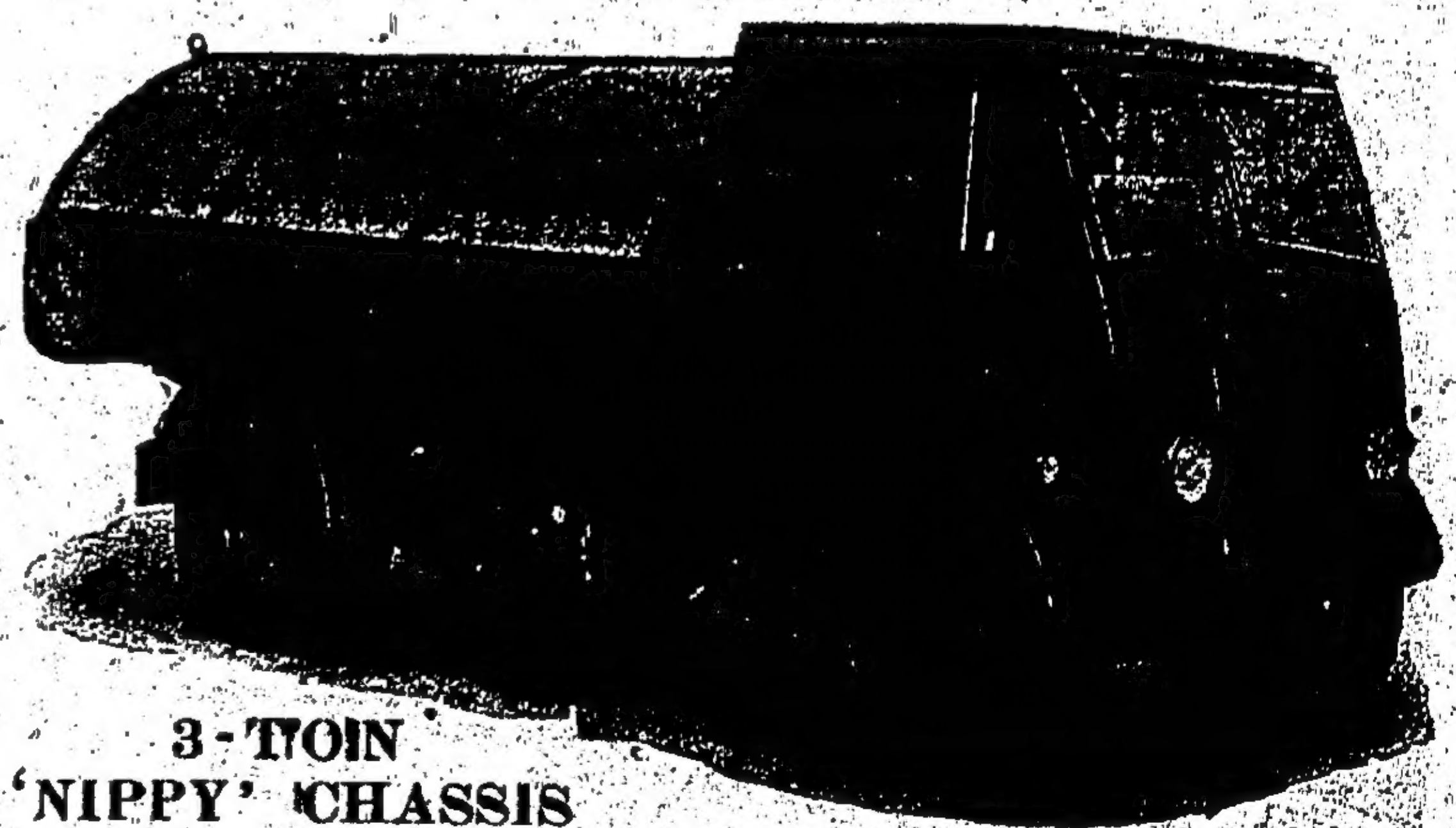
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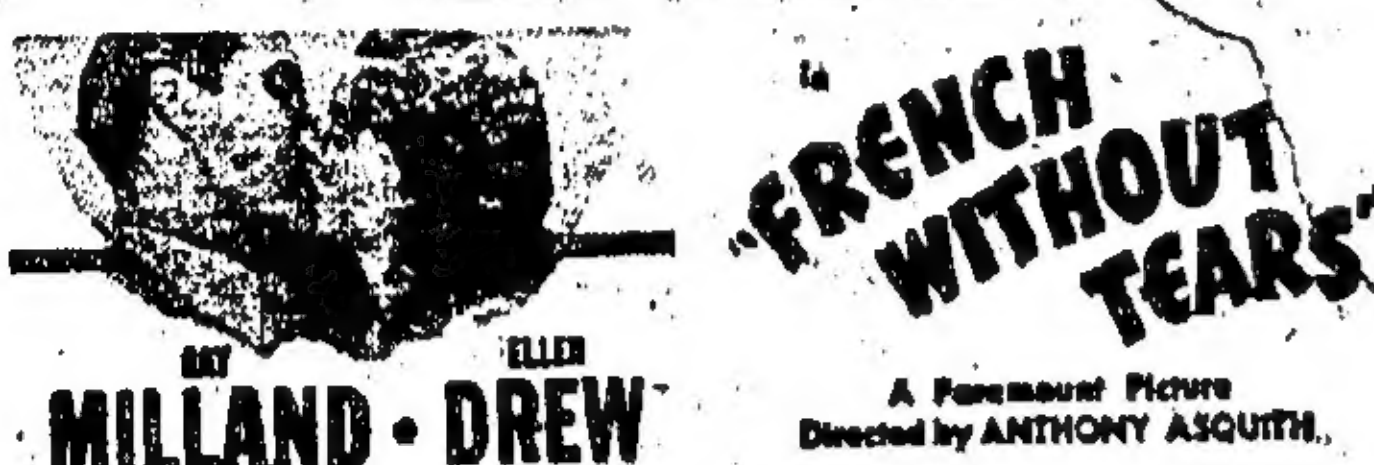
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COMING EVENTS

27-Tides: High 2.57 a.m. and 2.03 p.m. Low 2.29 a.m. and 1.18 p.m. Sunrise: 7.01 a.m. Sunset: 5.67 p.m. R.A.O.C. Dinner Dance.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon. Evacuation Representative Committee, Public Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

Kowloon Tong Garden City Assn. Draw for Debentures, 8 p.m. Teachers' Training College Christmas Concert, 8 p.m. R.K. Polo Club, R. A. Cup. Y.M.C.A. Xmas Dance for Services. Wardens' Union Inaugural Ceremony, 7.30 p.m.

28-Tides: High 2.53 a.m. and 2.46 p.m. Low 1.15 a.m. and 1.53 p.m. Sunrise: 7.02 a.m. Sunset: 5.48 p.m. Little Flower Club Christmas Dinner.

29-Tides: High 1.13 a.m. and 9.30 p.m. Low 3.54 a.m. and 2.40 p.m. Sunrise: 7.02 a.m. Sunset: 5.48 p.m. Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 8 p.m. Chinese Recreation Club "At Home."

30-Tides: High 11.24 a.m. and 10.08 p.m. Low 4.32 a.m. and 3.20 p.m. Sunrise: 7.02 a.m. Sunset: 5.48 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

31-Tides: High 12.06 p.m. and 10.45 p.m. Low 5.10 a.m. and 4.02 p.m. Sunrise: 7.03 a.m. Sunset: 5.43 p.m. New Year's Eve.

Claims against Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen (Agents Melchers and Co., Chien Hsin Engineering Co. Ltd.) due. Whitchnight Service, St. Andrew's Church, 11.30 p.m.

CULTURAL ASSOCS. FORMED IN KIANGSI

KIAN, Dec. 26 (Central).—Under the joint auspices of the National Chungsheng University and the Kiangsi Provincial Government, a Kiangsi Cultural Reconstruction Association is being organized. The promoters have issued a statement welcoming cultural workers to join the Association. The Department of Reconstruction is being asked to appropriate \$100,000 for the purpose of establishing a science institute and a museum.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association will be held at 9.15 p.m. today, in the Urban Council Chamber with Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, President, in the chair. Dr. E. W. Kirk will read a paper entitled "Medical Practice in Hongkong in 1940." All members of the British Medical Association are cordially invited to be present.

Radio Programmes

HONGKONG

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"UNDER THE CROOKED CROSS" FEATURE FROM LONDON

Mosart Concerto

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.25 Mosart—Concerto in D Major ("Coronation").

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Larghetto; 3rd Mov: Allegretto—Wanda Landowska (Piano) and the Chamber Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.35 Dance Music by Carroll Gibbons and Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—Goodnight my Lucky Day; The Mood that I'm In. Fox-Trot—I Still Love to Kiss You Goodnight; Blossoms on Broadway (from the film)—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel, Orpheans. Fox-Trot—Smoke Gets in your Eyes; You've Got to Admit (from "El Diddle Diddle")—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends. Fox-Trot—Please Remember. Fox-Trot—Sweet as a Song (from "Sally, Irene and Mary"); Please Be Kind—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

1.50 Beuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety.

Vocal—The Return of Abdul Abul Amir. I'm Bettin' The Roll on Roamer—Frank Crumit. Piano—Gershwin Medley—Renara. Vocal—I Can't Give You Anything But Love (McHugh); That Old Feeling (Brown and Fain)—Adelaide Hall. Organ acc. by Fats' Waller. Vocal—The Very Thought of You (Hobbe); A Place in Your Heart (Coslow)—Sam Coslow. Orch.—Walls Medley—Intro: Night of Gladness; Destiny Waltz; Voices of Spring; Santiago Cocktail—Intro: D. Natalie del Pierrot; Humoresque; Nola—Harry Chapman (Harp) and His Music Lovers.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—There's A Ranch in the Rockies; Let's Stop the Clock—Gerald and His Orchestra. Quickstep—Make Believe; Moon Love—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orch. Fox-Trot—Taint What You Do; The Spider and the Fly—Fats' Waller and His Rhythm. Swing—Skaters' Waltz in Swingtime; Blues—Wolverine Blues—Bob Crosby and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Say It with Music—Henry King and His Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Latest Variety.

Vocal and Piano—My Capri Serenade (from Top Hat and Tails); Let the Curtain Come Down—Turner Layton. Piano—Body and Soul (Hayman and Others); A Musical Caricature—Mary Had a Little Lamb (arr. Alec Templeton)—Alec Templeton. Vocal—Don't Ever Pass Me By (Denby); A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square (from New Faces—Elsie Carlisle with Novachord acc.) Orch.—The Man I Love (Gershwin)—The Quinlet of the Hot Club of France with Django Reinhardt (Guitar) and Stephane Grappelly (Violin). Vocal—Bidin's My Time (Gershwin); Oh! Lady Be Good (Gershwin)—The Foursome w. Instr. accomp.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Band Music.

Regimental Marches of the Royal Artillery (arr. John Cole)—The Royal Artillery Band (Woolwich). The Great Little Army (Alford); The Contemporary March—March (Stanley)—The Band of E.M. Royal Marines, Plymouth Division.

8.15 London Relay—"Under the Crooked Cross."

8.30 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

8.35 London Relay—Talk: Books and People.

8.45 A Russian Programme.

Dance of the Rumbles ("The Snow Maiden"—Rimsky-Korsakov); Storm Music (Ivan the Terrible)—Rimsky-Korsakov—London Symphony Orchestra. Song of the Viking Guest ("Sadko"—Rimsky-Korsakov)—Theodore Chailly (Bass) w. Orch. "Le Coq d'Or"—Hymn to the Sun (Rimsky-Korsakov—Franko)—Mischa Elman (Violin) w. Piano acc. How Goes It Prince? (Prince Igor—Borodin)—Theodore Chailly (Bass) w. Orch. Gopak (The Fair at Sorochinsk—Moussorgsky)—London Symphony Orchestra.

10.00 Ravel—Sonatine for Piano.

1st Mov: Moderato. 2nd Mov: Menuet. 3rd Mov: Andante—Alfred Cortot (Piano).

10.20 Cesar Franck—Symphony in D Minor.

1st Mov: Lento—Allegro non troppo. 2nd Mov: Allegretto. 3rd Mov: Allegro non troppo—Philadelphian Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

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AIRMAN RESCUED BY WOMAN IN CANOE

A 22-year-old woman in a 10-ft. canoe saved the life of an airman in the Channel late in August. The airman, one of five of an R.A.F. bomber forced down into the Channel, was picked up in a state of collapse by Miss Peggy Prince.

Miss Prince, who is a physical training instructor, said that early on the eventful day a soldier came to her home and asked for the loan of her canoe to go to the rescue of the bomber's crew, several of whom could be seen swimming in the sea some distance from the shore. "I did not think they would be able to manage my canoe alone, so I offered to go with them."

"We were unable to find any trace of the airman at first and returned to the shore, from where we could see three men in the sea. I put off again, this time alone, and reached one of the airman, but I cannot say how I succeeded in getting him into my little craft. He was completely exhausted, having been in the sea an hour and a quarter."

Miss Prince covered six miles in the two journeys and her hands were badly blistered.

Two other members of the bomber's crew were rescued by a fishing boat under the direction of Mr. H. Griggs, ex-commander of the Hythe life boat, who was dismissed recently by the R.N.L.I. because it was alleged he refused to take his lifeboat to Dunkirk for the B.E.F. evacuation. "We were only just in time to save the other two men," he said. "The bomber has sunk."

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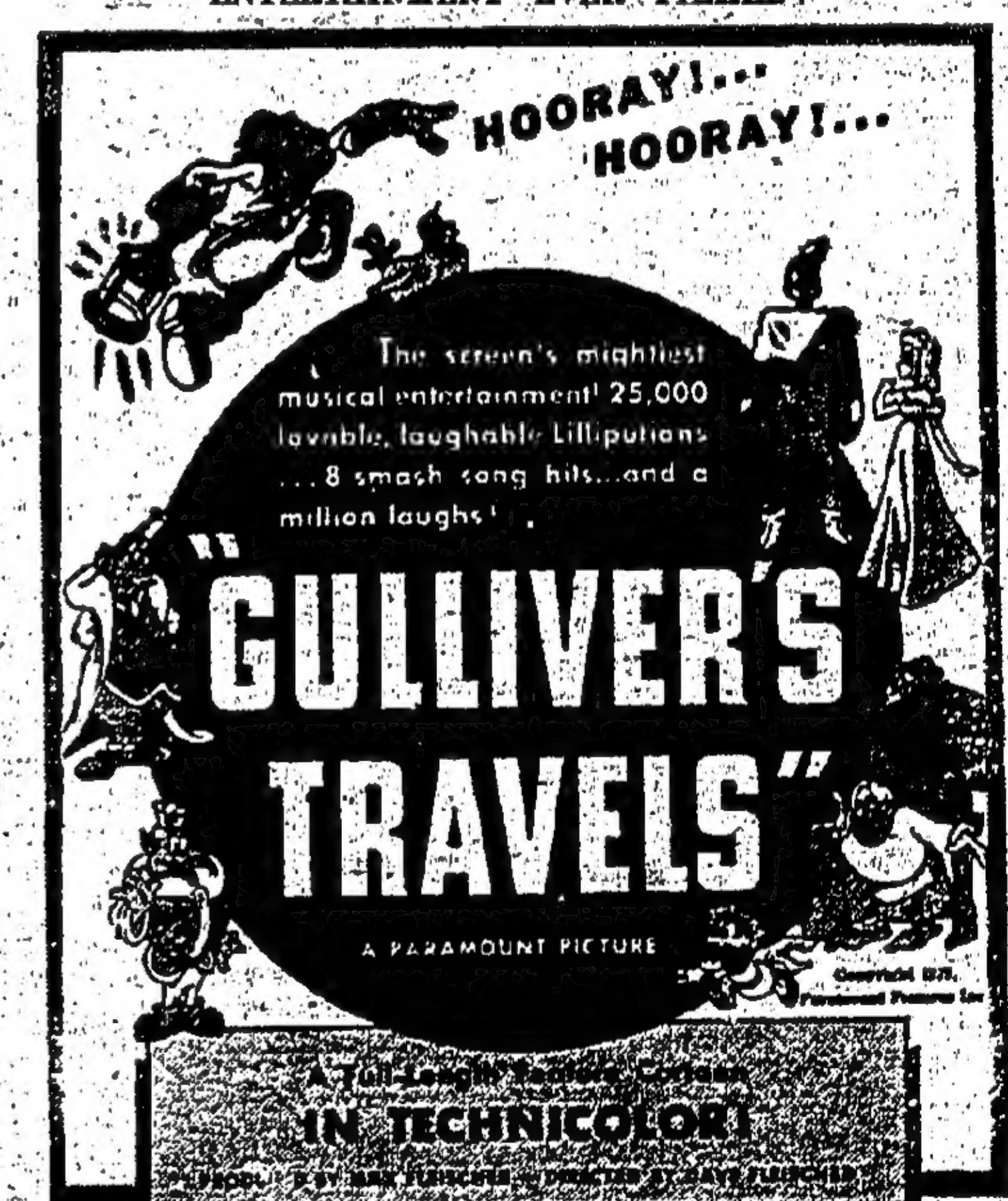
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Production in Canada of 500-pound aerial bombs will be started next February in a huge plant now being completed "somewhere in Quebec," the Minister of Munitions and Supply, Hon. C. D. Howe, revealed. "Normal output of the plant will be well over 100,000 bombs a year," he said. "This will be the first time that aerial bombs of any kind other than a comparatively few practice bombs have been made in a Canadian factory."

The long-range programme of the munitions department will eventually embrace all sizes and types of bombs for which there is a demand. They will range in weight from 40 to 1,000 pounds and from the common high explosive bombs to aerial projectiles capable of piercing heavy armour plate. The Minister's statement said Canadian plants will be ready "within a very short time" to begin manufacture of a large quantity of two-inch and three-inch trench mortar bombs and 203 rifle grenades. Plans are also under consideration for the production in Canada of anti-tank mines and depth charges. This type of munition has never before been made in Canada.

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POPE'S STIRRING CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR RECOURSE TO REASON, JUSTICE

5 PRECEPTS FOR CONCLUSION OF LASTING WORLD PEACE

LONDON, DEC. 26 (REUTERS)—THE SOLACE WE DERIVE FROM THE RICHES OF CHRISTMAS GREETING IS GREATER BECAUSE OF THE SAD TIMES in which we live, said His Holiness the Pope in a broadcast on Christmas Eve from the Vatican after receiving greetings from the College of Cardinals.

"As members of the Roman Curia," the Pope added, "you have a deep-felt understanding for the high mission in which you, each in his own office and domain, have to collaborate and participate."

Referring to the problems that desirable a return to former conditions. With some clear knowledge of the defects of the present determined orientation towards a rearrangement that will safeguard the juridical basis of political and international life, no one can be surprised that this pulsating desire is felt more keenly by those larger sections that live by manual labour and so are always found, in peace and war, to taste more than others the bitter results of economic dislocation, internal and international. Still less will the Church be surprised.

ROLE OF CHURCH
The Pope then explained that the Church could not be called on to favour one system more than another, but added that "in the orbit of the universal value of divine law," there was ample room for liberty of action and for the most varied forms of political opinion, while practical application of political systems largely depended on circumstances which, considered in themselves, were extraneous to the purpose and action of the Church.

PRECEPTS FOR PEACE
Saying that he wished to give a "few precepts" for the conclusion of a lasting peace," the Pope continued:

"We must strive for (1) victory over hatred, for grave damage is inflicted upon the human soul by a lack of love of Christ; (2) victory over lack of trust in international co-operation; (3) victory over the grim principle that force stands for right—that is, return of morality among nations; (4) victory over economic divergences; (5) victory over egotism."

The Pope added: "We pray that men will grow mature enough to establish a new and just social and economic order. We pray that mankind will be liberated from their tribulations."

Before enunciating the five peace precepts, the Pope referred to war which, with tragic and almost fatal persistence, once let loose, proceeds on its way "forgetful of the principles of humanity and indifferent to the usages of convention of war, and goes to such extremes that an age less troubled than yours will one day note its events as among the saddest and darkest of the world's history."

ANGUISHED THOUGHTS

"Our thoughts run forward anxiously to the moment when the sad chronicles of man, the sufferings of minds in anguish, of wounded prisoners and refugees, down-trodden, famished, fainting and weeping, come to their end by light. But what we know at present is already sufficient to oppress and tear the heart."

Continuing the Pope said: "Exactly one year ago, in this very place were formulated certain principles regarded as essential for the preservation of peace which would conform to the principles of justice, equity and honour, and would thus be enduring."

"If the succeeding march of events has delayed their application to a more distant time, the self-same proposals have lost none of their intrinsic truth and conformity to reality and their moral force."

WARRING FACTIONS

"Today we find ourselves faced with a fact of some consequence as a symptom. From the impression of the polemics of the warring factions concerning their objectives in war and the ultimate peace settlement, there emerges ever more clearly in mind a quasi-universal opinion which contends that both pre-war Europe as well as its political structure are now undergoing a process of transformation of such a nature as to signal the dawn of a new era."

"Europe and its system of states will not be as they were before. Something new and better, more advanced, more sound, firmer and stronger, must replace the past system and eliminate its defects, weaknesses and deficiencies which are said to have been convincingly exposed by recent events."

"Various parties differ in their ideals and aims, but agree in their desire for a new arrangement, and do not consider possible, or

Roosevelt's Christmas Greetings To The People

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (Reuters)—Most human beings want a "peaceful chance to better the world in a voluntary way and not in the way imposed by conquest." President Roosevelt declared in his annual Christmas greeting to the people of the United States.

The President further declared: "We must keep on striving for a better world. It is unintelligent to be defeatist. Crisis may beget crisis, but progress underneath does not wholly halt. It does go forward." This cannot be a merry Christmas, the President added, for those of mature years but it can be a "happy Christmas if by happiness we mean that we have done with doubts, that we have set our hearts anew, that we still believe in the golden rule of all mankind."

AIR ACTIVITY IN AFRICA

Four Italian Planes Destroyed

CAIRO, Dec. 26 (Reuters)—Four Italian aircraft were definitely destroyed by R.A.F. fighters on offensive patrols over the Bardia-Tobruk area on Dec. 23, states an R.A.F. (Middle East) communiqué. With regard to the attack on Benina on the night of Dec. 22-23, it is now definitely established that one hangar at the aerodrome there was completely destroyed, by fire and that three Italian aircraft on the ground near the hangar were burnt out.

In Italian East Africa, offensive bombing attacks were made on a pumping station near Assab and the target was well-straddled with bombs.

Reconnaissance flights were also made in this area and the Rhodesian attacks on Italian positions near Gallabat. Fires were started by explosions.

LONDON SEES AXIS VICTORY WANING

There have been several indications in the German press lately that hopes of an early complete victory have practically reached the vanishing point and the German public is being weaned to the idea of further and prolonged sacrifices, writes Reuters' diplomatic correspondent.

To make the prospect more palatable they are being told of allegedly much worse conditions in Britain where starvation and misery are stated to be the lot of survivors of German bombing raids.

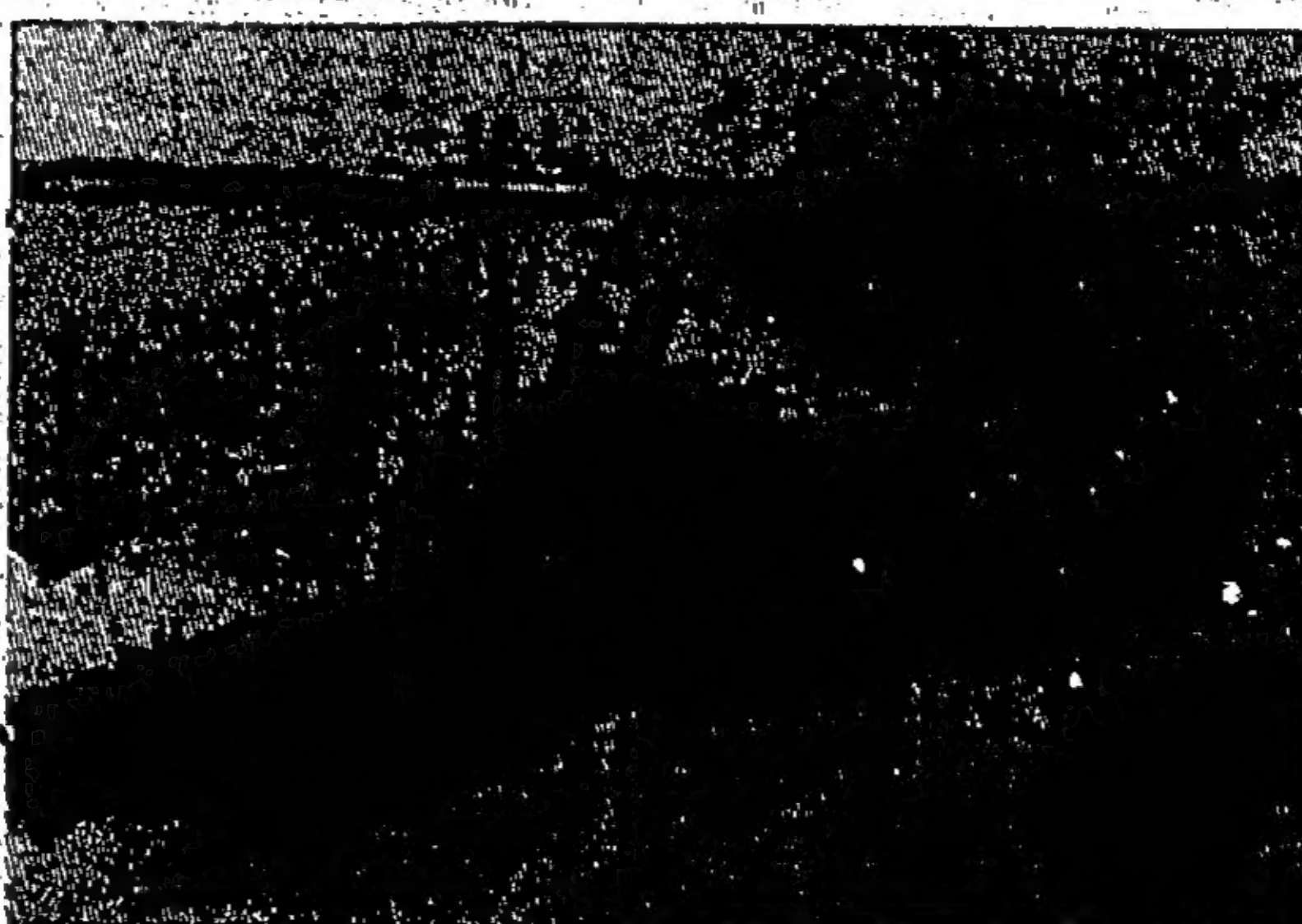
Side by side with this campaign of misrepresentation there are reports and indications in German-controlled press in neighbouring countries. In Stockholm, Vichy, Zurich and Madrid come hints that peace feelers are in the air. Naturally they are attributed to British initiative. One such report colourfully presented, alleged that the British Ambassador in Madrid, handed Senor Serrano Suner, Minister of the Interior, an envelope bearing no less than five big seals containing a comprehensive peace plan.

SIGNIFICANT TREND
The Swedish military writer, Colonel Bratt, has been inspired to state that Britain cannot possibly defeat Germany and even if Germany may not be able to defeat Britain civilization would virtually perish in universal chaos that would result from prolongation of unrestricted air warfare. These indications are interpreted in London as significant of trend of mind which is encouraging from the Allied standpoint.

In the British press there have been expressions of constant, unvarying unanimity upon the indefatigable determination to fight the war to final victory.

The well-known military writer "Strategicus," declares in the Spectator that one of the most significant sentences in a German newspaper for many years was that of a few days ago, which said, "Even in the hypothetical case of the Axis being unable to end the war successfully Britain will on no account be able to annihilate Germany and Italy."

MISCALCULATION
For the Germans to raise the possibility of defeat as the present juncture seems to suggest that they are now beginning to realize they have made a terrible mistake.



Here is the latest type of motor torpedo-boat to protect British shores.

CAROL-SINGING IN LONDON "TUBES"

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuters)—The Army forgot the serious business ahead for a brief spell to have its biggest "blow-out" of the year—turkey, pork and beef dinner washed down with beer—while those who passed Christmas in London's "tubes" spent the time in carol-singing and safety in gaily-decorated underground shelters.

Boys and girls laid out their stockings on Christmas Eve on station platforms where Santa Claus found and filled them.

In one tube shelter on Christmas night, girls in party frocks danced with their partners to music from violin and piano after presents had been distributed to the children from a big Christmas tree.

CHU HO-CHUNG EULOGISED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (Central)—The National Government today issued a mandate eulogizing the services of the late Mr. Chu Ho-chung, member of the Legislative Yuan and an early revolutionary worker, who passed away recently. The mandate states that the Personnel Ministry of the Executive Yuan has been instructed to consider awarding a solatium to Mr. Chu's family.

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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS POSTPONED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (Central)—The preliminary examination of the high civil service and the special examination of the senior postal clerks which were originally scheduled to be held on Dec. 21 at Chungking and other places have been postponed to Jan. 20, 1941. It is officially announced by the Examination Yuan.

"THE LAST CRUSADE":

EARLY PORTUGUESE
THEME OF INTERESTING
TALK AT MACAO CLUB

(Our Own Correspondent)

MACAO, DEC. 22. — A HIGHLY INTERESTING TALK ON "THE LAST CRUSADE" WAS DELIVERED BY MR. JACK M. BRAGA at the Macao Club last night before a large audience which included H. E. the Governor of Macao, Cmdr. Gabriel Mauricio Teixeira, who was accompanied by his Private Secretary, Capt. J. J. da Silva e Costa, and the Bishop of Macao, the Most Rev. D. Jose da Costa Nunes, accompanied by his Secretary, the Rev. Fr. Fernandes.

Mr. Braga, who spoke in Portuguese, described how the early Portuguese made history, not as a race of warriors and navigators, but rather in the pursuit of a most holy, noble ideal, the highest that Man has been able to conceive, the search for the Holy Grail.

The defeat of the Crusaders in Palestine had left an aggressive and victorious Islam in undisputed possession of the Holy Land. The scattered, long-suffering knights of the Cross prayed and waited for the coming of Frester John, the scourge of Islam, while the Moslems drew gold from Christian trade to finance the campaign of fire and sword into the heart of Christian Europe.

While this was going on, Prince Henry of Portugal sat on the Cape of Sagres, thinking long and carefully of the blow which Christian honour and prestige had suffered, and resolutely made up his mind to find that Christian Prester John, of Ethiopia, who lived "somewhere east of Babylon."

SCIENTIFIC MEN

It was Prince Henry's plan to save Christendom that prompted him to gather together around him the greatest combination of scientific men the world had ever before known to help him to overcome the difficulties of the long voyage his ships were to undertake.

Meanwhile his brother Prince Peter wandered through the Mediterranean, entered the Holy Land and witnessed the desecration of Christ's tomb, and voyaged through Europe. In Venice he obtained a manuscript copy of Marco Polo's tale, a valuable present for his brother Henry. At length he got home, and had much to tell his brother who went off and pored over the narrative written by the Venetian.

Little by little, the insignificant caravel, ill-equipped and absurdly fragile, was evolved, and longer and longer excursions were made to probe the mysteries of the seas with their "horrible monsters which swallowed ships, gigantic savages, fabulous animals, and sirens who lured ships to their doom and who carried souls to hell."

SACRED TRUST

The intrusion of Columbus proved a great blow to the Lusitanian scheme but the Spaniard's temptation did not deter the Portuguese from the sacred trust they had imposed upon themselves. At last there came a day when Vasco da Gama returned from India, and said: "We sought Christians and spices." Christians, first — spices next.

Meanwhile Portuguese arms triumphed over the Crescent, and the battles they won read like fairy tales. Pacheco Pereira's victory over the Mohammedans of Calicut was a success such as had not been heard of since the days of the ancient Greeks. Dom Francisco d'Almeida, with only nineteen ships of war "under the banner of the Quinas, displaying the symbol of the Redemption," gained one of the most decisive naval actions in the history of the world against the combined fleets of Egypt and the Princes of India. Goa was wrested from Islamic hands, and Albuquerque laid the foundations of Goa—then Malacca.

From 1529 Ethiopia was devastated and the Portuguese responded to the appeal for aid. Dom Cristovao da Gama and his five hundred men landed on the torrid shores of Malacca and, with the banners of Portugal waving above them, tramped through one of the most execrable climates in the world through a strange, difficult country, unsuitably clothed, scorched by heat, blinded by glare, soaked by torrential rains, tormented by insects, threatened by animals and harassed by the enemy.

DECISIVE BATTLE

Five months it took to advance five hundred miles, and on April

1, 1542, the opposing forces met, five hundred Portuguese on one side, against fifteen thousand foot, fifteen hundred horses and two hundred arquebusers, Turks, Somalis, and Arabs, under the Moslem banner. In Aug. 1542, the gallant Dom Cristovao fell in action, but in Feb. 1543, in a decisive battle, his men slew the Moslem leader and routed his followers. Ethiopia was safe for Christianity once more — an almost hopeless Crusade had ended in miraculous success.

This was no isolated feature of the Portuguese crusading enterprise. In Africa, West and East, in India, Ceylon and Pegu, Persia and Arabia, Malaya, Sumatra and Java, in the hundreds of islands of the southern seas, Annam and Cochinchina, Ceylon and Japan, everywhere the great crusade went on.

The name of Antonio Galvao, in the Moluccas, an Antonio de Andrade, who ventured into Tibet, a Bento de Goes, who tramped across Asia's deserts and mountains and wastes, are just a few of many other shining examples.

Mr. Braga ended the lecture by exhibiting three illustrations, an attempt in drawing to indicate the formidable obstacles which the old Europeans conjured up in their minds, of spectres and dread dangers; a map of the principal places visited by the Portuguese when they reached the Orient; and a sketch, "The Vision of St. Francis Xavier," epitomising the great ambition of the Portuguese Crusaders.

A.R.P. ORDERS

(CONT'D FROM WEDNESDAY MEETING)

The District Warden and Members of District "A," Upper Levels Division, invite all Members of the Corps to the Inaugural Ceremony of their District Society at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, on Friday, December 27, 1940, at 7.30 p.m., at 7.30 p.m., at which the Director of Air Raid Precautions will be present.

Shamshuipo: Meeting of District and Deputy District Wardens will be held on Friday, Dec. 27, 1940, at 10.00 hours, in the Yee Kuk St. Dispensary.

Lectures: A series of 14 lectures on First Aid will be given to Wardens of District "C," Shamshuipo Division, on Wednesday at 10.00 hours by Dr. H. K. Pang, M.B., B.S.C. commencing Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1940, at District Headquarters.

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES: Wardens Course (in English)—Syllabus "A."

EST—A.R.P. School, Tuesday and Friday at 5.30 p.m. commencing Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1941. Lecturer: D. W. Hume, L.A.R.P.S.

EXAMINATION RESULTS: The following have qualified as instructors, L.A.R.P.S.

Li Yiu-hor, Kwok Wing-ki, J. C. Flegg, Chu Fook, Lau Chak-sang, Ip Wan-tung, C. L. Chow, K. M. Lan, A. J. Coelho, E. O'Neill Shaw, M. U. Razack, Tang Chu-sing, A. Hyde-Lay, Han C. Liang, Shum Kam-wa.

STRENGTH-INCREASE: At an examination held recently, the following qualified as Air Raid Wardens and are posted as hereunder:—

Mongkok: 43133 Leung Wai, "Kowloon City: 3138 Miss Au Fung, 3141 Lam Shu-twan, 3143 Lai Chai-man, 3144 Lai Pang-nip, 3145 Leung Kam-ping, 3146 Miss Lock Ha, 3147 Lock Kin-cheung, 3148 Man Kam-shing, 3149 Tse Chee-chung, 2577 Wong Chi-keung, 3139 Fung Ying-ko.

Shamshuipo: 2080 Miss Cheung Shook-fong, 3032 Chow Ching-chuen, 3019 Ho In-sheung, 3039 Ip Yan-yung, 3116 Miss Lau Wun-ye, 3117 Lee Hung-sum, 3104 Miss Li Wai-man, 3120 Lai Chun-shan, 3121 Luk Chu, 3122 Miss Ma-kam, 3123 Ng Man-chi, 3124 Miss Poon Hon-kwei, 3125 Miss Shu Oi-yen, 3126 So Hung, 3127 Wong Fook-man, 3128 Wong Tai-man, 3129 Wong, 3130 Miss Wong Yin-kwai, 3131 Miss Wong Yuk-ling, 3132 U

HISTORY

ROUND THE
POLICE
COURTS

AT CENTRAL

GAOL FOR UNEMPLOYED

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday on Tsui Kwai, 28, unemployed, who was convicted on a charge of the larceny of five drums of paint from the R.A.O.C. Depot Store, Queen's Road East, on Dec. 22.

It was revealed yesterday, when defendant's finger prints were produced, that Tsui had two previous convictions.

Det.-Sgt. Morrison, who prosecuted, said that defendant had been working in painting works in the barracks. The paints stolen were valued at over \$500.

ASSAULT CHARGE

Charged with assaulting Ho Po and Li Shiu with intent to rob, Ko Shun, alias Wong Pau-tai, 28, unemployed, was remanded till this morning by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Ko was alleged to have, together with Chan Po and Tsui Choi, assaulted the complainants at Kennedy Road, near McDonald Road, on Dec. 22 with intent to rob them.

DEPORTEE IN COURT

For breach of a deportation order, Cheung Yue, 24, unemployed, who was banished for life on Dec. 8, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday. It was stated that it was defendant's third return.

Det.-Sgt. V.M. Morrison prosecuted.

HEARING FIXED

Hearing of the case in which Tam Chan, 24, unemployed, is charged before Mr. Sheldon, with impersonating a police officer and with demanding money, with menaces, was fixed for Dec. 31 at 2.30 p.m. when defendant came up on remand yesterday.

Tam was alleged to have, on Dec. 20, at No. 329 Lockhart Road, ground floor, impersonated as a police officer for an unlawful purpose, and with demanding, with menaces, the sum of \$200 from Wan San, 27, iron worker. Defendant had pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison is prosecuting and bail at \$250 was allowed.

AT KOWLOON

SNATCHER IMPRISONED

Miss E. Grace, of No. 74, Nga Tsin Wai Road, appeared as complainant before Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday in the case in which Lo So, 18, was charged with snatching.

It was stated that the complainant was waiting at the Yau-mat Railway Station about 11.55 a.m. on Wednesday when the defendant came up from behind and snatched her hand bag.

The accused was sentenced to four months' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion.

THEFT OF RICE

Siu Man, 34, charged with theft of a catty of rice before Mr. Himsforth yesterday, told the Magistrate that the skyrobbing of the price of rice compelled him to commit the offence.

The defendant was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$10 and to be expelled from the Colony.

POSSESSION OF WARD

Charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with possession of a ward without notifying the S.C.A., a tailor, Wong Yau, 42, was fined \$10.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., said that information was received that a ward was being ill-treated at No. 40, Takuling Road and the premises was visited on Tuesday.

Ka-kui, 3023 Lee Chik-sang, 3030 Li Kwok-hing.

Yau-mat: 3134 Cheung Yiu-wing, 3135 Chiu Fun-fook, 3137 Lee Kau.

The following qualified as an A.R.P. Telephone and is posted to Mongkok Division: Mrs. E. V. Searle (3004-73).

(Sgd.) B. H. PECKLE, Deputy Director of A.R.P.

CHINA CLIPPER
DUE TODAY

Pan American Airways' China Clipper, bringing U.S. mails, dated San Francisco, Dec. 17, is expected to arrive in Hongkong from Manila this afternoon and will leave on her return flight tomorrow morning for San Francisco via Manila.

The Honolulu Clipper is scheduled to arrive on Tuesday next, Dec. 31, and to leave the following morning.

Inquiries showed that the defendant was a distant uncle of the ward whose parents placed her under the defendant's protection before their death.

STOWAWAY IN COCKET

An Indian elephant trainer, Shina Pan, 24, was arrested on arrival in the Colony and charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with being a stowaway and entering the Colony without a valid passport.

It was said that the defendant arrived in Hongkong on Tuesday from Shanghai on his way back to India. He was sentenced to two weeks' hard labour and to be expelled from the Colony.

EVASION OF BUS FARE

Convicted of attempting to evade bus fare, Chan Po-yiu, was ordered by Mr. Himsforth yesterday to sign a personal bond of \$10 and to be expelled from the Colony.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Appearing before Mr. Himsforth yesterday four junk foks, Mak Ming, 31, Mak Wo-chun, 29, Mak Yu-kun, 25, and Yu Ka-tai, 33, charged with disorderly conduct, were remanded for 24 hours on bail of \$5 each.

Det.-Sgt. A. Shaw, prosecuted.

POSSESSION OF HEROIN

Li Him, 38, was charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with possession of heroin pills at the Yau-mat Railway Station. Defendant was remanded for seven days.

NOMINAL FINE

Yeung Shing was charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with riding a bicycle on the wrong side of the Road. Pleading guilty to the charge the accused was fined \$3.

PRICE OF ABSORPTION!

While the complainant was absorbed in watching a show at the Kwong Ming Theatre, Yeung Yau, 25, stole his shoes which the complainant had taken off and placed in front of him.

The thief was arrested and charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with larceny. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed.

SEPTUAGENARIAN VICTIMISED

For snatching a parcel of noodles from a 71-year-old man, Yu So-kai, at Hamilton Street, Cheung Ying, 22, was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion by Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

DEMANDING MONEY

Hearing was fixed for Dec. 31 at 11.30 a.m. by Mr. Himsforth yesterday in the case, in which three Chinese, Wan Ki-chen, 23, Yu Pak-sang, and Leung Hoi-wai, 32, were charged with demanding \$10 from the master of the Wei On Shirt Makers at No. 992, Canton Road.

DUTIABLE TOBACCO

Four Chinese women, Pang Sam, 53, Chiu Ngau, 36, Chan Mei, 35, and Pun Pui, 24, were charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with possession of dutiable tobacco without paying duty.

The defendants, who were remanded for 24 hours, were each granted bail of \$50.

STOLE SCRAP METAL

Six weeks' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Himsforth yesterday on Lo Nam, 40, paint scraper, for larceny of a quantity of scrap metal from Kowloon Dockyard on Tuesday.

The defendant was an employee of the Docks.

GAMBLERS IN COURT

Charged with gambling in a public place, Hong Jai, 49, was fined \$1 by Mr. Himsforth yesterday. Two other defendants, Tang Yut, 35, and Cheung Po-luk, 68, who failed to appear, had their \$5 bail extracted. \$21.77, picked up was placed in the Poor Box.

Facing similar charges, seven Chinese were each fined \$1. The sum of \$8.20 picked up was also ordered put into the Poor Box.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE

Lau Mei, 38, was charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with causing malicious damage. Defendant was up at 5 a.m. at College Road when he was under arrest. He was ordered to sign a personal bond to the P.W.D.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

In the matter of the Estate of ROGER EDWARD LIND, SELL late of Durban, South Africa, Piusne Judge of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Sec. 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an order limiting the time to the 14th day of January, 1941, for creditors & others to send in claims against the above estate to the undersigned.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1940.

Sd. L. R. ANDREWES,
Executor,

The Registry, Supreme Court,
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Advice has been received from Shanghai that Letters of Acceptance and Cash in respect of the above issue may be handed in at this office up to and including 27th December, 1940.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate 6/NS. 4412 dated Hongkong, 16th January, 1936 for Three shares of this Bank numbered 97994/97996 inclusive registered in the names of Messrs. Manek Roostumjee Mehta and Dhun Manek Mehta has been Lost or Stolen, and should this certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 11th January, 1941, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 6/NS. 4412 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court
of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
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(IN LIQUIDATION)

All persons having claims against, and all persons owing monies to, the above firm are requested to lodge their claims or make payment to the undersigned without further delay.

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NOTICE

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

It is hereby notified that as from January 7, 1941, the telephone number of the Hongkong Daily Press, Marina House, will be

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Instead of 30251 as hitherto.

The other line, 33383, remains unchanged.

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 27, 1940.

ON THE PATH TO VICTORY

HIS MAJESTY THE KING'S Christmas message to the people of the British Empire was symbolic of the spirit of confidence with which the people are looking to the future.

His Majesty stressed this confidence when he said that Britain and her allies have now planted their feet on the path to victory—a position which has been made possible by the gallantry of the British fighting forces, to whom he paid a striking tribute for the manner in which they had rallied to the aid of the mother country.

At the same time, His Majesty did not forget to impress on his people the need for greater sacrifices in order to overcome the difficulties that still confront the forces of right before ultimate victory is won.

"The future will be hard," he said, and in those words he laid stress on the fact that the dangers and difficulties before them should not be under-rated.

His Majesty also pointed out that the surest way of overcoming what was before them was to increase the spirit of neighbourliness and the spirit of unity which had been created by the struggle in which the Empire was now engaged.

"We must go on thinking less of ourselves and more for one another," said His Majesty—an appeal that will surely not be neglected, for it is by this very spirit of unselfishness that so much has already been achieved.

HIS MAJESTY'S solicitude for the children who had been separated from their homes and from their families by the war could not have failed to stir the hearts of his people. Essentially a children's festival, he felt that nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of their happiness this Christmas.

His heartfelt thanks to the peoples of the dominions and the United States for having so generously offered their hospitality to the children who had to be sent away to places of safety must have comforted many a home in London and helped to soothe the pangs which such separation causes to parents at this festive season.

Such thoughts, coming from the head of the state, will not only make the people whom he addressed willing to endure the hardships of the present time to the end, but will increase their determination to ensure, as His Majesty said, that Britain will be able to secure for the world that orderliness and lasting peace which will make future Christmas seasons all the happier for what Britain and her allies are seeking to accomplish.

HIS MAJESTY had a word of cheer to the older people and he assuredly raised a spark of pride in their hearts when he declared that they were all in the front line of the struggle today against the aggressors of the rights and liberties of mankind.

It is this pride of comradeship that has enabled the British people to face the ordeal be-

CORRESPONDENCE

"HELP THE POOR"

(To the Editor, H. K. Daily Press)
Dear Sir:

May I through your paper say something to your readers that I wish to emphasise a fact of the public importance which I know is quite urgent as it looks. As we know that the cost of living nowadays is quite a matter for us to worry about, especially for the poor.

As it is the case and so some of the poor try to get their living by many kinds of way to maintain their daily meals and others. I am very aware that many who steal or cheat things out of others are compelled to do what they should not do as things of nature go on or are concerned. Many the poor get their food only by begging from places to places or men to men.

I do hope in the merry time as now happy New Year and we should think of the poor and try our utmost best to give them some help. Usually in streets or in roads we can easily see some poor begging food so eagerly and piteously, they of course have their sad stories not to be told to others. In this time should we give them some help they will feel happy and comfortable as they have such help.

In my point of view I should say that we should save some money, out of expenditures in things we should buy for New Year or Christmas. To do something to the poor is good for all the others.

In conclusion, I should say we should always remember one thing which is "To help the poor."

GEORGE T. P. TANG.

POLICE REPORTS

A European, A. V. Frain, 43, residing at No. 26, Mody Road, first floor, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering from abrasions to the head alleged to have been received in a fight in Salisbury Road on Christmas Day.

A woman, Fung Ng, was knocked down by a bus in an accident in Salisbury Road about 1 p.m. yesterday. Chan Siu-wai, licensed driver, operating bus No. 826 on Route No. 2, the vehicle concerned in the accident, reported to the police the woman had attempted to cross the road from left to right in the path of the moving bus and was struck by the left front mud-guard. She was seriously hurt.

A woman, Yim Ham, 38, was robbed of money and property to the value of \$27 when held up by five youths in a lane behind No. 214, Fa Yuen Street, 8.25 o'clock last night.

Two appliances early on the scene quelled an outbreak of fire at a matched opposite No. 47, Hillwood Road, yesterday afternoon about 4.30 o'clock. No estimate has been made of the damage, though it is learned the matched was not insured against fire.

'QUAKE SHOCKS IN TURKEY

VICHY, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Two earthquake shocks rocked the Ezzindin district of Turkey early Christmas morning, says an Ankara despatch, but no damage or casualties are yet reported.

This was the area, where 50,000 were killed or injured during the earthquakes of last December.

fore them with the determination and resoluteness they have already shown. It is this spirit of harmony that has so far baffled the enemies of freedom and helped to strengthen the resolve to win and the determination not to give up in any circumstances until the threat to the world has been finally removed. His Majesty's conviction that the tide has turned is one that is shared by everyone of his subjects and it is with the goal of world freedom before them that they will face the enemies of peace and justice in the new year that will soon dawn upon the world.

NEWSETTES

Mr. J. H. Taggart, Managing Director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited returned to the Colony yesterday from the States.

Mr. Walter J. Wilson, Superintending Engineer for the American Pres. Lines in the Orient returned to Hongkong from Manila yesterday.

Dr. F. C. Yen (Ngan), Director of the Chinese Health Administration for the Chinese National Government in Chungking also a director of the Chinese Red Cross Society arrived in the Colony yesterday.

Mr. A. A. Dorrance, Manager for the Standard Vacuum Oil Company in Shanghai, passed through Hongkong yesterday from a trip to the States. He is bound for Shanghai.

Mr. Paul S. Hopkins, President of the large Shanghai Power Co., monopolistic producers of electric power in industrial and residential Shanghai, the textile centre of the East, was a passenger through Hongkong from the States yesterday.

Mr. Harry A. Raider, President of the Chinese Engineering and Development Co., Inc., Shanghai, dealers in engineering supplies and capital steel equipments, who is returning from the States after a few months vacation and business trip there, passed through the Colony yesterday.

Mr. Fred Backer, technical representative for the Dupont Co., Wilmington, Delaware, largest producers of chemicals in the World, was a passenger through Hongkong. Explosives and aircraft as well as motor vehicles made by Dupont equip the armies of the World.

Lt.-Comdr. E. F. Carr, U.S.N., Naval Officer, who is being transferred from the Asiatic Fleet to the States, passed through the Colony yesterday.

Cdr. M. W. Hutchinson, U.S.N., Naval Officer, and his family, who are leaving the Asiatic Fleet duty to go to the States, where he will resume his duties, passed through Hongkong yesterday.

Capt. P. G. Lauman, U.S.N., and Capt. D. E. Wainwright, U.S.N., Naval Officers en route from Manila to the States, passed through Hongkong yesterday.

The public is reminded of the meeting of those interested in the Evacuation Representation Committee which will be held at the Peninsula Hotel today at 8 p.m. to receive a statement from the Committee in connexion with the reply to the Petition submitted on Nov. 22.

Mr. Leighton Shields, District Attorney of the U.S. Court of China, in Shanghai, passed through Hongkong yesterday.

The Equine Sports Club held an enjoyable cabaret dinner dance at the Peninsula Hotel Rose Room last night. Irene Arsenh, Anita Lee, W. H. Yung and Marvino and Jimmie contributed to the cabaret numbers.

MIKADO'S APPEAL FOR UNITY

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—"The increasingly cordial relations between our Empire and the Treaty Powers" were matters for satisfaction, declared the Emperor of Japan, when he formally opened the 76th session of the Diet.

He made a strong appeal for national unity.

LADY DILL PASSES
LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Lady Dill, wife of General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, died here yesterday after a long illness.

MORE OVERSEAS CHINESE RETURN

More than 300 Chinese from Malaya have arrived here en route to the interior to volunteer their services to their mother country. They will shortly leave for Shikwan in different groups by way of Shenyang and Wuyang.

All in the prime of their years, the 300 odd overseas Chinese hail from Singapore, Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur, Penang and other cities in the Straits Settlement and are financed by the Kwangtung Native Association in Singapore. Another batch of Chinese from Malaya numbering about 500 will return in the beginning of January, 1941.



A graphic picture of one of London's searchlight units in action. In the foreground is silhouetted the sound locator.

CAPT. CYRIL FALLS ON
EXPLOITING VICTORY BY
PURSUIT IN THE WESTERN
DESERT OPERATIONS

"The test of the completeness of victory is to gain your strategic ends, the defeat of the enemy and the destruction of the enemy's army. By this test, the victory of Sidi Barrani was overwhelming," said CAPT. CYRIL FALLS, military correspondent of THE TIMES, when he spoke in London yesterday on the operations in Libya.

Capt. Falls explained, at operations in the Western Desert as a most amazing document. "His excuses," said the speaker, "are not altogether convincing. But it is a striking tribute to the Middle East Command and the quality of our troops."

"The object of the Duce may be to rouse the Italian people to their difficulties by this report, but it seems to me that it is bad to make them reflect that this is not a common peril that they have accepted of their own free will and that Signor Mussolini himself is responsible for bringing it on them. Mr. Churchill's broadcast is likely to ram that home to them."

"The Italians are plucky enough," said Capt. Falls, "but it was largely the command that let them down."

Capt. Falls commented on Marshal Graziani's statement that he himself was about to attack when the British attack came.

"On the top of all this is the moral effect, which, coming after the victory of the Greeks, must be very great in Italy however hard the enemy may try to hide it."

Capt. Falls next put forward a theory in regard to the fighting which is now going on in and around Bardia. His theory was that if a large proportion of an army is defeated and the rest take refuge in a fortress, then their chances of holding out or being rescued were small. If a small proportion of the army is defeated and take refuge in a fortress, then there was a chance of their being liberated.

"Therefore, the wisest course a commander should take is to leave the smallest number of men to defend a fortress, but to do that often requires great strength of character," said Capt. Falls.

"What I am building up to is the case of Bardia, which is hardly a fortress, but which nevertheless has fortifications and defence artillery."

Quite a considerable proportion of the retreating Italian forces are in Bardia, though some of them escaped to Tobruk, and unless the campaign takes quite a different turn, which is unlikely, they cannot hope to be liberated.

"Don't run away with the idea that the capture of Bardia is going to be easy," declared Capt. Falls. "The greatest difficulty lies in the distance separating the British advance guard from their rail-head. It must be remembered that tanks have to be repaired and lubricated and fuel and ammunition brought up and stores have to travel along the same route."

"We must also remember that Sollum is within the range of the Italian long range guns at Bardia. I do not mean that there is any doubt about the final outcome of this operation, but there are certain handicaps to be overcome."

GRAZIANI'S REPORT
Capt. Falls next referred to Marshal Graziani's report of the

LESSONS OF THE RAIDS

The most vigorous German air raids of the war are still the only subject on the Home Front. The subject, one gathers, is likely to be topical for some time, and in harassed, but far from unhappy, London, and throughout the provinces, people are collecting air-raid advice.

Here are some of the things that have been noted:—

Glass in Shops—Broken glass is the great danger to food supplies in retail shops. Lord Woolton, saying that he was surprised at the way in which splinters of glass had pierced cans of food, described it as important that wholesalers, caterers, and grocers should not put their stocks, where they were likely to be damaged.

Water—The Metropolitan Water Board has urged on all consumers within its area the need for the strictest economy in all forms of water consumption. Less must be used for baths, washing up, and the garden. It is good, though, to keep a supply in a bath or bucket which can be drawn upon when the main supply is out of action.

NOT DISCOURAGED
Railways.—Unnecessary traffic to and from London is to be discouraged. Travel on business—not on pleasure.

Telephones.—Unless it is absolutely necessary, no one should use the telephone during a raid.

Flying Glass.—One in every five cases of air-raid injury in Britain has been caused by glass. Curtains and blinds do little to prevent glass flying, but there are several good ways of protecting windows. By day a fine-meshed wire netting will stop all but a few small pieces of glass, and by night the experts recommend a strong black-out screen covered with building boards or plywood.

Gas.—It is well to turn off the main before you go to bed. This prevents explosion between the main and the taps. Alternative heating should be arranged.

Electricity.—If an incendiary bomb falls on the house, turn the electricity current off. It is not necessary to do so otherwise. Naturally it is well to keep a few candles or night lights for emergency.

Torches.—The Ministry of Home Security states that, during black-out hours, torches may be used only if dimmed by two thicknesses of tissue paper or the equivalent. They must be directed downwards and extinguished immediately the air-raid warning sounds.

American Chamber Backs
Clipper Service To S'ore

The American Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines has given its backing to the plan of Pan American Airways to extend its clipper service from Manila to Singapore.

In a letter addressed to United States High Commissioner Francis B. Sayre, Samuel F. Gaches, president of the chamber, said:

"We heartily endorse this plan and would appreciate your office conveying to the authorities the endorsement of the American Chamber of Commerce to this plan. It is the belief of the merchants associated with this chamber that such a connexion will benefit United States commerce and increase trade between the United States and the Far Eastern countries lying to the south and west of the Philippines."

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE
Colonel Clarence E. Young, PAA's Pacific division manager, who has been making an inspection over the transpacific route, stated that establishment of the Manila-Singapore service would increase air travel to and from Manila. He said Pan American is prepared to start immediately with a fortnightly service which could

be increased to a weekly service as soon as more ships are available, possibly next year.

The PAA manager said that one thing which impressed him on this trip is the building activity in Manila. "People seem to be going ahead without much concern for troubles elsewhere in the world," he declared. "That is definitely a good sign."

Colonel Young is leaving on the clipper at dawn tomorrow for his San Francisco headquarters.

VICEROY'S CUP
RESULT
CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The Viceroy's Cup run today resulted as follows:—1. Bahaya; 2. Finalist; 3. Chous; 4. Puro. Won by a length, time 1.15.00. Total (groups)—50/7; 10/13; 20/2.

NOTABLE VICTORY FOR GREEK TROOPS: TAKE POSITION NEAR PREMETI

The latest official news from Albania is contained in a Greek communique issued on Wednesday night, which states that successful local fighting continued on Christmas day, states a London message.

GREEK TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE SCORED A NOTABLE VICTORY WHEN THEY CAPTURED A POSITION NEAR PREMETI.

An Athens spokesman said that the victory was a great strategic importance and that the Greeks are now pushing on to Chirmarra. Albanian irregular troops are reported to be very active behind the Italian line, some of them even got into Tirana and stuck up posters, calling on Italians to leave Albania.

General Papagos, the Greek Commander, has sent a telegram to the British air forces, expressing his most cordial wishes for the successful outcome of the struggle and the continual co-operation between the two countries in a common cause.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

British bombers flew over Corfu on Christmas Day and dropped gifts of clothing for children. As the British machines rolled over only 100 ft from the ground, the people cheered and waved their hands.

Later, Italian planes made a vicious bombing attack on Corfu—their 25th raid on the island. Fifteen people were killed and 30 were wounded.

The latest British air attack in the Albanian war, was made on the port of Valona. This was the 13th raid on the port. The attack resulted in the blowing up of munition dumps, burning of barracks and destruction of petrol dumps. Other raids were carried out on Durazzo further north where a petrol depot was gutted and a wooden jetty destroyed.

The total number of Italian planes shot down over Albania

is 39, the British loss being only nine aircraft.

An Air Ministry communique issued yesterday stated that there was nothing to report since the last communique was issued on Christmas Day, when there was slight raids over the Orkneys and the Scottish coast. One enemy aircraft was shot over the Orkneys by the Fleet Air Arm and four of the crew were captured.

ITALIAN ACTIVITIES

ROME, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Italian activities in the Western Desert, in Albania and at sea are described in a High Command communique, which speaks of lively artillery duels around Bardia and the repulsing of the attack on the desert position.

It is also stated that the British advance base was heavily bombed and a warship hit.

Turning to the Greek front, the communique says that enemy attacks on various points were repulsed with considerable losses and prisoners taken.

Enemy naval bases were bombed and a plane shot down during the raid on Valona. The communique adds that an Italian submarine attacked an "enemy naval formation" in Central Mediterranean, torpedoing a light cruiser. Another Italian submarine sank two large ships by gunfire in the Atlantic and hit the third with a torpedo.

Thailand Is Prepared To Negotiate With Indo-China

BANGKOK, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Warm appreciation of Britain's friendship and watchful interest in Japan's "new order" in East Asia were expressed by the Thai Premier Luang Biplu Songram in an interview with Reuter's correspondent in which the Premier voiced Thailand's readiness to negotiate with France on the Indo-China dispute.

Wearing a military uniform the Premier received the correspondent in the red-and-gold drawing room of his heavily guarded palace. On a table at his elbow stood an elegantly framed photograph of King George in admiral's uniform, and His Majesty's warrant appointing the Premier Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Luang Biplu Songram cordially affirmed that Thailand's relations with Britain were of an extremely smooth character mentioning as an instance of this, the recent speedy and amicable settlement of a boundary dispute. From this he drew the assumption that Britain sympathised with Thai claims against Indo-China.

The Prime Minister said that Thailand was prepared to shake hands with France tomorrow and to forget the 75-year-old feud connected with a territory of half a million square miles gradually annexed by France and now called Indo-China on condition that two small bits of thinly-populated territory this side of the Mekong River were retroceded, thus giving Thailand a natural frontier.

Incidentally, he mentioned that on the eve of the outbreak of war France sought a military pact with Thailand. This the latter declined to enter into desiring to maintain her neutrality.

The Prime Minister added that Thailand was interested in Japan's "new order" in East Asia and would study it carefully as she had trade and other relations with Japan but her first concern would always remain the maintenance of an independent existence.

EIRE WANTS HELP FROM AMERICA

In a broadcast speech to the United States from Dublin, Mr. Eamon de Valera, the Eire Premier, appealed to America for more weapons to defend Ireland, states a London message.

Mr. de Valera stated that nearly one-quarter of Eire's manpower was now in the defence services, but this did not safeguard Eire's neutrality from attack, and new arms were needed for the forces.

Mr. de Valera stated that at no time since the war began had there been friction between Eire and the belligerent Governments and Eire wanted that state to continue.

INDIA CRICKET SCORES

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Scores at the close of the first day of play were:—

India XI—251 (C. K. Naidu (Capt.) 29; Ceylon tourists—96 for 3.

PENTANGULAR TOURNAMENT BOMBAY, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—At the end of the third day's play in the Pentangular Tournament the scores were:—

Muslims—381 (Mushtaqul 110) and 18 for 2; Rest—202 and 226 (Amirulahi 7 for 104).

The Hindus withdrew from the tournament at the last minute on political grounds.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE BY H.M. THE KING

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will be at home together in the years to come.

"To the older people here and throughout the world, I would say that in the last Great War the flower of our youth was destroyed and the rest of the people saw but little of the battle. This time we are all in the front line of danger together and I know that the older among us around that it should be so.

"If war brings separation, it brings a new unity also. A unity which comes from the common perils and common sufferings willingly endured. To be good comrades and good neighbours in trouble is one of the finest opportunities of the civilian population and by facing trouble cheerfully and resolutely not only will they be doing their own duty but they will be helping the fighting services to win the war.

"Time and again during the last few months I have seen for myself the battered towns and cities of England and I have seen the British people facing their ordeal and I can say it now that we can be justly proud of them. On every side I have seen a new and splendid spirit of fellowship springing up in a real desire to share the burden. Out of all this suffering there is growing a harmony which we must carry forward into the days to come.

"There is a democratic system of education," Father Sullivan said. "There is a system which allows the parents their constitutional privilege of educating their children in the religion of their choice."

Speaking of the Filipino people, he said: "We know the mind of the people. Eighty per cent of them are Catholics and have a solemn obligation to give their children an education in religion. It is all possible. For many it is quite impossible without the assistance of the schools, and the schools, which they are taxed to support, refuse to allow their children to receive the education which they want."

"The people have manifested their will through their representatives. Technicalities prevented their will from being carried into effect. But there is no real difficulty if the representatives of the people wish to give people what they want, what they should have under our constitution."

Father Sullivan went on to discuss the system of public education.

BITTER CAFE BRAWL IN SHANGHAI: NINE U.S. MARINES HURT

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—NINE AMERICAN MARINES AND THREE BLUEJACKETS ARE REPORTED TO BE IN HOSPITAL AS A RESULT OF ONE OF THE MOST BITTER CAFE BRAWLS IN MANY MONTHS between defence forces of the International Settlement in which 100 American and Italian marines participated early on Christmas morning.

The Italian casualties are not known but it is reported several were seriously injured in the cafe clash which followed an argument over the use of a table.

It is reported six of the Settlement Police intervened and assisted the Americans against the Italians.

The melee raged till the arrival of the Military Police.

No official statement is available. It is reported the clash has been "settled amicably" and no repercussions are expected.

RARE OCCURRENCE

The clash was a rare occurrence in view of the self-imposed restrictions when out of barracks by the defence force for the purpose of avoiding disturbances.

Twenty-five American and Italian marines were injured in a cabaret Christmas brawl, according to a press report.

Italian officers are reported to have apologised to American officers.

Arrangements have been made to pay the café \$5,000 for chits unpaid when the fight started and \$2,000 for damage to the ballroom.

THEY can be operated from the hundreds of waterways around Australia's 12,000 miles' coastline—

which, unlike aeroplanes, cannot be bombed out of existence—and they can make reconnaissance flights of 2,000 miles out over the ocean and return.

It is believed that the first PEYs of the Australian order will be ready for delivery early in January. The shipping cost is expected to be about £40,000 for the 18.

Although Australia has ordered only 18 PEYs flying-boats, it is understood that the Netherlands Indies Government has contracted for the delivery of at least twice as many, in addition to large numbers of Curtiss Hawk and Brewster fighters, for the defence of centres of population against ship-borne aircraft.

LOCAL AERO ENGINES

The first Australian-made De Havilland Gipsy Major engine for initial training machines to be used under the Empire Air Scheme has been tested on the bench at the works of the manufacturers, General Motors-Holdens, at Flaherman's Bend, before representatives of the Aeropautical Inspection Division and the Aircraft Production Commission.

General Motors-Holdens has received an order for 500 of the engines, and, pending their delivery, the Commonwealth Government has secured sufficient supplies from Britain.

More than 40 different manufacturers in Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide have developed dies, jigs, and fixtures—in all about 500 different parts. Orders will be placed for more than 1,000,000 items for the 500 engines, ranging from small bolts and nuts to crankcases, connecting rods, pistons, cylinder barrels, and cylinder heads. With the exception of carburettors and magnetos, the whole of the engines will be made in Australia.

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According to the management, the deceased came to the hotel with a middle-aged man on the afternoon of Dec. 23 and booked room No. 512. After staying for two days, the man left at midnight yesterday last.

After the incident had occurred, blood was reported to have been found in the cuspidor in the room, and other signs showed that apparently a fight had taken place.

BOOKED ROOM

lost between 65,000 and 70,000 men in the invasion; and 72,000 tons of their crack shipping."

"And while we are alarmed and officially unorganized," Hambro declared, "secret groups are growing. Sabotage is growing. And our spies are working for England."

NO NEUTRALES

Norway, having learned "there are no neutrals in this war" and that "there will be no peace until Nazism falls, will resist to the end. That was the spirit there today."

And when British bombers flew over to blast various centers, Hambro said, "the people streamed into the streets and cheered."

SULTAN OF SELANGOR ON WAR EFFORT

"Selangor is a Sovereign State under the protection of the British Government. Because of that protection we have our obligations towards that Government. One of the obligations is to give to that Government, to the best of our ability, all possible and suitable help for the success of its undertakings. If the Power under whose protection we are gets into difficulties, we too will get into difficulties. Some of the help that we can render is to give financial assistance, to increase food production in the State and to be loyal to the Government of the State and to the British Government. We must all unite and co-operate for the discharge of our obligation."

So said His Highness the Sultan of Selangor addressing the State Council meeting held at the Istana recently.

VARIOUS MEASURES

Proceeding, His Highness said: "Since the beginning of this year my Government and the inhabitants of my State have carried out various measures for the purpose of rendering assistance to the British Government and, for ensuring the safety of the State. During this year the F.M.S. has sent to England the sum of \$13,043,205 for the prosecution of the war. The money belonged to the Government of the F.M.S. and Selangor's share was included in it."

"The sum remitted is by no means large, but it is a token of our loyalty to the Government of His Majesty the King. Apart from that, the people of all races living in my State have contributed the sum of \$391,238 to the Malaya Patriotic Fund for the purpose of giving assistance and providing comforts to those who suffer directly from the war."

"The people of my State are contributing to the F.M.S. War Fund. The ladies are very industrious in making garments for use during the cold season, and the articles made are sent to England for use there and in other theatres of war."

"My Government has spent large sums of money on extending rice cultivation, with the object of producing this essential article of food sufficient for consumption in the State, so that we may not be dependent on outside sources for that article."

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 71° and the minimum 50°. Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 117.89 inches against an average of 85.02.

The Royal Observatory report states:—

A strong anticyclone covers the whole of China, pressure being highest over the Lower Yangtze Valley; a ridge of high pressure extends from it to the Bonin Islands.

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 26.

Barometer, (at sea level), 30.28

Temperature, 64 F.

Humidity, 75 per cent.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Temperature maximum yesterday, 68 F.

Temperature minimum last night, 59 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.89 ins.

Against an average of, 85.02 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.47 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7.01 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 26.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.18 ins.

Temperature, 67 F.

Humidity, 76 per cent.

Wind Direction, W.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Maximum temperature, 71 F.

Minimum temperature, 59 F.

Rainfall, nil.

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SALE TABLES

Race Meeting Results

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Teviotdale, the second favourite, was second and Spectrum came in third.

"The New South Wales Handicap"

(A handicap of 11 miles)

Mr. Williamson's Sea Urchin 162

lbs. (Mr. C. L. Gregory) 1

Mr. Harland's Teviotdale 165 lbs.

(Mr. T. W. Chatterley) 2

Mr. Fergus' Spectrum 152 lbs.

(Mr. Freeman-Thompson) 3

Won by many lengths, many lengths

between second and third.

Time: 3.10.

Part Mutuel:—

Winner: \$9.50.

Places: \$5.50; \$5.60.

Also ran:—Bingo 155 lbs. (Capt.

Hock); Kibla 140 (K. I. M. Buchan).

Betting

Bingo 98 53

Kibla 124 104

Sea Urchin 874 339

Spectrum 116 91

Teviotdale 765 565

RACE FOUR

Quick Despatch jumped to the

lead from the start, followed by

Tarzan and Rising Star, and

maintained the lead till the win-

ning post.

Tarzan, when within 200 yards

from the winning post, jumped the

rails.

Rising Star was second, Colorado

Star third, and Dick Turpin

fourth.

"The Fading Cup"

(A handicap of 7 furlongs)

Mr. Kwok Hin Wang's Quick Des-

patch, 165 lbs. (Mr. P. P. Botelho) 1

Mr. S. L. R.'s Rising Star, 155 lbs.

(Mr. Craven) 2

Mr. Ellender's Colorado Star, 135

lbs. (Mr. W. H. S. Davis) 3

Won by a length, two lengths be-

tween second and third.

Time: 1:37.4.

Part Mutuel:—

Winner: \$15.10.

Places: \$7.50; \$11.88; \$16.33.

Also ran:—Amber II 150 lbs. (Chan

oi Wan); Circe 155 (H. J. A. Heame);

Dick Turpin 140 (P. Y. T. Wei); Love-

ly Kid 135 (B. T. C. Yuen); Roody;

165 (Haynes); Schmetterling 135 (T.

W. Chatterley); Surprise Again 148 (H.

B. Chao); Tarzan 148 (P. M. Hoo).

Betting

Amber II 12 79

Circe 749 278

Colorado Star 202 149

Dick Turpin 288 294

Lovey Kid 10 16

Quick Despatch 940 692

Rising Star 358 288

Roody 96 105

Schmetterling 27 37

Surprise Again 555 584

Tarzan 23 53

RACE FIVE

Chatterbox, ably ridden by P. Y.

T. Wei, did not disappoint its

followers when, coming down the

straight, it came galloping along

on the outside to snatch a neck

victory from Royal Highness.

King's Worthy, after holding its

own during the whole of the race,

came in third a short head behind

Royal Highness.

The second favourite, Phoenix,

failed dismally.

"The Castle Peak Handicap"

(A flat race of 7 furlongs)

Mr. Manetta's Chatterbox 148 lbs.

(Mr. P. Y. T. Wei) 1

Mr. G. T. Fung's Royal Highness,

150 lbs. (Mr. B. L. Tao) 2

Mr. Sunnyside's King's Worthy,

144 lbs. (Mr. S. L. Yuen) 3

Won by a neck, short head between

second and third.

Time: 1:50.4.

Part Mutuel:—

Winner: \$16.00.

Places: \$9.30; \$17.30; \$22.80.

Also ran:—Bistre 140 lbs. (Hoo Pak

Ming); Double Chance 151 (O. I.

Gregory); Jack O'Lantern 143 (W. J.

Barrow); National Success 140 (Tang

Man Wa); Palmer 150 (T. W. Chat-

terley); Phoenix 150 (S. C. Liang); Piet

Hein 160 (P. F. Botelho); The Leo-

pard 155 (L. E. Chao); The Tigress

135 (R. C. K. Chui); Wilber 157 (H.

J. A. Heame).

Betting

Bistre 9 7

Chatterbox 712 434

Double Chance 63 33

Jack O'Lantern 128 136

King's Worthy 118 104

National Success 6 23

Palmer 66 56

Phoenix 644 489

Piet Hein 130 149

Royal Highness 282 144

The Leopard 265 216

The Tigress 17 41

Wilber 151 138

RACE SIX

Ascot Vale, the red hot favourite,

made sure of this race by taking

the lead in this half-a-mile sprint

and maintaining it to the finish.

Lancashire Chap was second

while the somewhat neglected

Radium Star was third.

"The Happy Valley Handicap"

(A flat race of 1 mile)

Lee Bros' Ascot Vale, 161 lbs.

(Mr. L. B. Chao) 1

Lee Bros' Lancashire Chap, 150 lbs.

(Mr. S. L. Yuen) 2

Utilitarianism's Radium Star, 160

lbs. (Mr. S. L. Yuen) 3

Won by half length, half length be-

tween second and third.

Time: 3:2.2.

Part Mutuel:—

Winner: \$12.90.

Places: \$7.40; \$10.10; \$16.90.

Also ran:—Desert Star 155 lbs. (S.

C. Liang); Dow Jones 140 (B. L. Tao);

Geordie 142 (P. Y. T. Wei); Plain

View 145 (W. G. Poy); Zero 154

Haynes).

Betting

Ascot Vale 575 378

Desert Star 202 36

Dow Jones 70 66

Geordie 389 292

Lancashire Chap 127 170

Plain View 46 82

Radium Star 120 74

Zero 380 175

DEATH OF MR. N. LEE

COLONY AQUATIC CHAMPION

The death occurred suddenly at the Kowloon Hospital on Christ-

mas morning of Mr. Norman Lee,

the interport swimmer.

Born in Birkenhead, England,

the late Mr. Lee came to Hong-

kong at an early age. He studied

at the Diocesan Boys' School

and then Queen's College. He was

in his 31st year.

The deceased is survived by six

brothers and a sister.

In 1935, the year following his cap-

ture of local aquatic championship

titles, he toured the South Seas in

a very successful effort to raise

money for the China War Relief

Fund. In 1939 he repeated this

visit.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place at the

Protestant Cemetery on Wednes-

day afternoon. The Very Rev.

Wilson officiated.

The mourners were the sister,

Mrs. B. C. Randall, the brothers,

Frank, A. T. and R. E. Lee and Mr.

Randall, brother-in-law. The other

brothers absent from the Colony

are Capt. W. Lee, Stanley and

George.

Wreaths were sent by Ada and

Bennie, Will and May, Frank and

Nellie, Robbie and Nora, Stanley

and Ethel, Tinker and George,

Eric, Gordon and Honor, Connie,

Molly and Eddie, Vivienne and

Mabel, Mr. Shi Yu-man, Mr. S. M.

Chun and family, Mr. and Mrs. C.

G. Anderson and family, Mr. and

Mrs. J. J. Maxwell and family Mr.

and Mrs. Field, the Committee and

Members of the Victoria Recrea-

tion Club.

THE SKY MINE OF THE FUTURE

Professor A. M. Low is the author of "Mine and Counter-mine" and in the introduction to his volume the Professor graphically explains the scope of his work.

"Because it is more spectacular," writes Professor Low, "submarine warfare has, until recently, attracted considerably more attention from the public than attack or defence by mine. Memories are short and statistics are dull. It was quickly forgotten, if ever appreciated, that mines accounted for more British warships in the Great War than submarine torpedoes, and that mines played a pivot part in the final defeat of Germany by throwing a wall of underwater death across the entrance of the Atlantic Ocean. It became a hundred to one chance against any submarine getting out of the North Sea."

"The mine quite suddenly became dramatic news again during one fatal week when the losses of British and neutral shipping by mines laid off the coast, presumably magnetic mines, were very heavy. But, as always, the defence to a new weapon was quickly put into action, mines warfare again becoming a little unspectacular until Britain announced her huge minefields off the Danish and Norwegian coasts or even in the Baltic itself."

BIG AREAS FOR MINES

"It would be giving away no secret to say that the shaded portions shown on maps as minefields are not, in fact, complete minefields, but areas in which mines may be laid. It would take a large force at least one year completely to fill such areas with mines—the laying off the Northern Barrage in the Great War took this time, and even then, this barrage was never completed."

"But, and this draws attention to an important aspect of mine warfare, the threat of minelaying is itself a powerful weapon. No warship can steam, with indifference, through an area which may be mined; no submarine can venture into it without profound danger and its resultant psychological effect on the crew. Sweepers have to be brought into action and all the elaborate machinery of countermeasures put into service."

"A great victory may be secured by making the enemy afraid of a certain area; if it can be done without actually laying the mines, so much the better. It is a dangerous and time-wasting job for him to make the test."

"For this reason alone, in spite of the excellent methods of countermining, it is likely to remain an important factor in sea warfare until some completely efficient protection for individual ships can be invented. Mine-sweeping is effective, but it takes time; slows up movement."

"The Germans turned to mines in the nineteen-thirties because they had memories of the rough handling received by their submarines in 1918. If they based their sea strategy against Britain on the mine, they overlooked the fundamental point which has been true since the beginning and will continue to be true until minelaying by aircraft on a large scale becomes practicable, that for offensive minelaying—this is to say, minelaying outside the home harbours—command of the sea is necessary."

"The submarine minelayer, it can be argued, altered that by allowing mines to be laid in spite of superior naval forces; but this is only true so long as submarines can frequently and safely penetrate enemy waters. Technical improvements have made this exceedingly difficult; so difficult in fact, that if the submarine is successful it could probably do more damage by using torpedoes deliberately aimed, than mines which are hit or miss affairs."

"Because of her tradition, Britain began the Great War very much behind in minelaying equipment. The Admiralty have not made the same mistake twice, and before the present war is finished the enemy may well wish that the mine had never been invented, not because of shipping losses, but because of the effective closing of channels so essential to enemy transport or merchantmen."

"There are chapters on the 'Minelayers at Work,' 'Mine Sweeping,' 'Land Mines' and 'The Suicide Squad'—those who deal with floating mines and those washed ashore. Dealing with 'The Future of the Mine,' Professor Low, in his interesting book closes on the following hopeful note:—

THE SKY MINE

"The sky mine is only in the experimental stage; it has probably far to go before it can become a serious weapon of war; but it may contain the germ of a means whereby the most horrible form of warfare ever evolved will come to an end. If concrete or anti-tank gun can nullify the colossal weapons of attack already in existence, it does not seem un-

Salaries Increased In Shanghai

CITY FIRMS FOLLOW COUNCIL'S LEAD

The recent increase made by the Shanghai Municipal Council in the allowance of Municipal employees has resulted in many employers in the Settlement making further adjustment in the salaries of their staff, official sources on Dec. 18 disclosed to the North China Daily News.

IMPROVED EARNINGS

The Council's action will considerably improve the earnings of lower paid regular members of its staff. Although their income even today will not be commensurate with the high cost of living, their situation will be ameliorated to a great extent by the increment. An office cleaner on a commencing basic monthly pay of \$17 will now receive a minimum allowance of \$40, to which is added a minimum rice allowance of \$15, bringing his total monthly earnings to \$55. If the price of rice goes up, his earnings will increase proportionately under the new plan adopted by the Council. With second grade Saigon rice at \$81.50, the rice allowance (half the difference between this price and \$35) will be \$23.25 and his total earnings today would be actually \$80.25.

POLICE PAY

Adjustments in the pay of the members of the Police Force have been more liberal to compensate

AMATEUR ASTRONOMER IN P.I. FIRST TO SEE NEW CUNNINGHAM COMET

NICK KAMINSKI, THE PHILIPPINES' BEST KNOWN AMATEUR ASTRONOMER, recently claimed—and Father Pablo Guzman-Rivas of the Manila Observatory graciously yielded the honor—to be the first man in the Islands to sight the newly discovered Cunningham comet, writes Alfonso Denoga in the Manila Bulletin.

Fabian R. San Juan, an employee of the Philippine sugar administration and himself "addicted" to stargazing, having been associated with Kaminski since 1919, told the Bulletin that Kaminski saw the comet in Baguio with 15-power Zeiss binoculars around 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24.

OBSERVATIONS VERIFIED

San Juan, who had just come down from Baguio with instructions from Kaminski to clear up the point of who had first seen the comet in the archipelago, said Nick immediately verified his first observations by turning on the comet his four-inch telescope, which had been set up just outside the Mansion House. Nick claims he had witnesses, too—Mr. Juhan, another amateur astronomer, and Antonio Asuncion, employee at Mansion House.

When informed of Kaminski's claims, Father Guzman said: "On Nov. 24 we saw what was suspected to be either a comet or a nebula. On the 25th at 7 p.m. this was seen to have definitely moved, hence it was the comet that had been seen on the 24th, although it was not definitely recognized as such."

"We never claimed to be the first to see it. It was the newspapers which added that statement since no one else had reported the comet in the Philippines up to that time."

"We willingly accept Mr. Kaminski's statement on his face value because of his known veracity and reputation. So congratulations to Mr. Kaminski for his success in Baguio's clear skies."

A GRIEVANCE

Father Guzman's readiness to give credit where it is due will be especially welcomed by Malacanang's former caretaker (now doing the same job for the Mansion House) because, according to San Juan, Kaminski has a grievance. Nick claims that a few years ago when he announced through the Bulletin that he had discovered a new comet, the weather bureau did not take him seriously and thought that what he had seen was a nebula.

A few days later the press associations announced discovery of the new comet in Switzerland by Finster, who had beaten Kaminski by a small matter of seven days. Kaminski thinks now that if he had been in Baguio at that time, that comet would now be known as the Kaminski comet.

Baguio being about a mile higher than Manila, an observer in the Pines City would have

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contend with one mile less of haze, dust and other unfavourable factors which handicapped Father Guzman in Manila.

ON JAN. 19

Citing Cunningham's announcement from Harvard University, Father Guzman said that on Nov. 19 the comet had a magnitude of 6.1, still beyond visibility of the naked eye (sharp eyes would be able to see stars of the sixth magnitude). Four days before Christmas the comet will have a magnitude of 3.1, when it will look like the planet Mars in the early morning.

On Jan. 19 to 20 it will be closest to the sun, and on the 22nd it will be in the southern sky with magnitude of minus 2.1, or about twice as bright as a star of the first magni-

tude. On Feb. 23 it will be far away and difficult to see, probably not with the naked eye anyway.

While the comet will be brightest on Jan. 22, it will not be as beautiful a sight because, located as it will be by that time between the sun and earth, the tail will appear to be foreshortened. This is because the tail will be streaming away from the sun and towards earth.

San Juan said Kaminski claims he first saw the Cunningham comet, after looking for a month, between 34 and 35 degrees, 19th hour, 121 minutes. This location is in line with the first two stars of Lyra, in the northwestern part of the heavens under the Northern Cross around 7 o'clock in the evening.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

TUESDAY 24 DEC.				TUESDAY 24 DEC.			
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
Banks							
...	\$1380	H.K. Banks	...	...	\$1370
...	281	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	279
...	278	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	281
...	281	Chartered Banks	...	...	281
...	281	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	281
...	210 1/2	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	210 1/2
...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...
...	N. C. & S. Bank	...	...	...
...	Insurance	...	...	...
...	Canton Insurance	...	...	...
...	Union Insurance	...	...	...
...	Underwriters	...	...	...
...	H.K. Pines	...	...	...
...	Shipping	...	...	...
...	Douglases	...	...	...
...	Steamships	...	...	...
...	Indo-China (Prof.)	...	...	...
...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	...
...	Shells	...	...	...
...	Waterside	...	...	...
...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	...	...	...
...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	...
...	Provident	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...
...	Mining	...	...	...
...	Kailans	...	...	...
...	Randa	...	...	...
...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...
...	Landa, Hotels and Buildings	...	...	...
...	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...
...	H.K. Lands	...	...	...
...	Do. 150 Acres	...	...	...
...	Shanghai 1400	...	...	...
...	H.K. Realty	...	...	...
...	Imperial	...	...	...
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...
...	Cotton Mills	...	...	...
...	Ewo (S.)	...	...	...
...	S'hai Cottons (S.)	...	...	...
...	Zhong Sings (S.)	...	...	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...
...	Public Utilities	...	...	...
...	H.K. Tramways	...	...	...
...	Peak Tram (old)	...	...	...
...	Peak Tram (new)	...	...	...
...	Star Ferry	...	...	...
...	Y'mail Ferry (S.)	...	...	...
...	China Light (S.)	...	...	...
...	China Light (New)	...	...	...
...	H. K. Electric (Old)	...	...	...
...	H. K. Electric (New)	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric (Old)	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric (New)	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Light	...	...	...
...	Telephones (old)	...	...	...
...	Telephones (new)	...	...	...
...	S'pore Traction (Ord.)	...	...	...
...	Industrial	...	...	...
...	Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.	...	...	...
...	Cald. Macg. (Prof.) S.	...	...	...
...	Cement	...	...	...
...	H.K. Rope	...	...	...
...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...
...	4% Loan	...	...	...
...	3 1/2% (1934)	...	...	...
...	3 1/2% (1940)	...	...	...
...	Miscellaneous	...	...	...
...	Dairy Farms	...	...	...
...	Entertainments	...	...	...
...	Constructions (old)	...	...	...
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawfords	...	...	...
...	Mayang Tobacco	...	...	...
...	Singapore	...	...	...
...	Watsons	...	...	...
...	Ch. G. 5% 1934 S.Bds.	...	...	...
...	H.K. Wing On
...	S'hai Wing On
...	Shui Ping
...	Marmesson Inv. (H.K.)
...	Wing Kow
...	Wing Kow
...	Wing Kow

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
DECEMBER 24, 1940

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	415
On Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand	102 1/8
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	52 1/2
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 7/16	
Credits 60 days sight 24 3/16	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	43 7/8
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand	101 3/4
On Manila:—	
On demand	46 7/8
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	23 1/8
Calcutta Exchange:—	
Calcutta, Dec. 24 (Reuters)	
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Dec. 24.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)	103
Defence Loan, 3%	101
Quanton-Kilow Rly. 5%	13
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	44
Chinese 5 1/2% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	42-47
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	28 1/2
Chinese 5 1/2% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	34
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	47
Honan Rly. 5%	103
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	14
S'hai-N'King Rly. 5%	16
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	26
Ger. 7% Int. Loan, 1924	6
Chartered Bank	8 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	78
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	81
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	18/3
Chosen Corporation	4/-
Mercantile Bank of India, 25, "G"	10 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	2/-
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	15/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	13 1/2
Union Insurance	20
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15/3
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	13 1/2
Great Western Rly.	32 1/2
National Bank of India	32
R.-A. Tob. (bearer)	88/9
Unipol Rubber	32/7 1/2
Hristol Aeroplane	9/9
Imperial Chemical Ind.	29/4 1/2
United Steel	21/7 1/2
Woodwards	53/9
Marram Investments	7/6
Western Holdings	9/3
Sub-Nigel	180
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	40
—bid.	—ex div.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 24 (Reuters).
Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, 2257-1/8.
Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, 2259-7/8.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous	Dec. 23	Change
S. P. O. T.	38-1/4	38-1/4	unch.
JAN-MARCH	37-7/8	37-7/8	"
APRIL-JUNE	36-5/8	36-5/8	"

The market was very quiet.

The market will be closed on December 25-26, and January 1, 1941.

LONDON RUBBER

	Previous close	Today's close	Change
S. P. O. T.	11-7/8	11-15/16	up 1/16
JANUARY	11-15/16	11-15/16	unch.
FEBRUARY	12-1/16	12-1/16	"
APRIL-JUNE	12-3/16	12-3/16	"
JULY-SEPT.	12-3/16	12-3/16	"

The market will remain closed on December 25-26, and January 1, 1941.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close 128.89; Today's close, 128.41; Change, off 48.

NOTE: All American markets will remain closed on Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day) and January 1, 1941 (New Year's Day).

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

New York, Dec. 24, 1940.

	High	Low	Prev. Today's	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.14	10.09	10.12	0.01 up
New York Rubber, March	—	—	20.20/20.20b	unch.
Chicago Wheat, May	85 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	1 1/2 up
Chicago Corn, May	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	1 1/2 up
New York Hides, March	12.68	12.55	12.50	10 up
NEW YORK COTTON				
January	9.98/98	9.97/97	9.99/99	0.01 up
March	10.12/12	10.11/11	10.13/14	0.01 up
May	10.05/06	10.04/04	10.08/08	0.03 up
July	9.82/82	9.80/80	9.86/86	0.04 up
October	9.31/31	9.28/28	9.35/35	0.04 up
December	9.30/30	9.29/29	9.35/35	0.05 up
Spot	10.12 N	—	10.14 N	0.02 up

Total sales Monday—41,900 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	High	Low	Prev. Today's	Change
January	20.35b	unquoted	20.40b	0.05 up
March	20.20/20	20.05b/30a	20.20b/25a	unch.
May	19.98/98	19.95b	19.98b/20.05a	0.05 up
July (New contract)	19.84b	unquoted	19.90b	0.06 up

Total sales—120 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	High	Low	Prev. Today's	Change
May	84 1/2/84 1/2	84 1/2/84 1/2	85 1/2/85 1/2	1 1/2 up
July	79 1/2/79 1/2	79 1/2/79 1/2	80 1/2/80 1/2	1 up

Saturday's sales: unrecd.

CHICAGO CORN

	High	Low	Prev. Today's	Change
May	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	1 up
July	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	1 up

NEW YORK HIDES

	High	Low	Prev. Today's	Change
March	12.58b	12.62/55	12.63b	10 up
June	12.32/32	12.30b/38a	12.40b	0.08 up

Total sales for the day—95 contracts.

N.Y. Official Silver

	High	Low	Prev. Today's	Change
34-3/4	34-3/4	34-3/4	34-3/4	0.01 up
NY-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2	4.03-1/2	4.03-1/2	4.03-1/2	0.01 up

U.S. LOANS

FOR CHINA'S

RECONSTRUCTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (Reuters)—Three Chinese financiers from Shanghai arrived here to arrange for loans for the reconstruction of China.

They are P. C. Young, of the Kinsheng Banking Corporation, C. S. Liu, of the China Development Finance Corporation, and Fred Sze, of the Joint Savings Company.

They will remain here for two or three days before heading for Washington to confer with Government officials and Mr. T. V. Soong, special Chinese envoy.

KWANGSI CO-OPERS

KWELIN, Dec. 26, (Central).—The co-operative enterprises in Kwangsi are making big strides. Up to the end of the current year, the number of co-operatives has reached 15,937, with a total membership of 524,638 persons and an aggregate share capital of \$731,438.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER
London, Dec. 24 (Reuters).
Silver—Little bear covering in the absence of sellers. Business very small. Market steady.
Spot, 23-1/4d.
Forward, 23-3/4d.

BOMBAY SILVER
Bombay, Dec. 24 (Reuters).
Market—Quiet. Otfake 20 bars.
Indian Mint Silver
Ready 62-02
Dec. 27 Settlement 62-01
Jan. 22 Settlement 62-01

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 24 (Reuters).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 158/-

SCUTTLING NOT INSURED RISK

Judgment for three Lloyd's underwriters was given in the King's Bench Division recently in test actions relating to British cargoes which were in German ships when war began. Claims involving millions of pounds were said to depend on the decision.

The cargo owners claimed that their losses were covered by insurance policies. The underwriters, Messrs. Robertson, Kann and Rickards, contended that they were not liable because the losses were due to orders given by the German Government. The ships concerned were the Wanzoni, which reached Hamburg, and the Halle and the Minden, which were scuttled.

FOR HONGKONG

Mr. Justice Hilbery said the Minden left Buenos Aires on Aug. 16 for Hongkong & Shanghai, her cargo including goods belonging to Forestal Land, Timber and Railways Co. Ltd. In September she was scuttled in the North Atlantic, in the presence of a British warship.

The German Government ordered that German-owned merchant ships were to take refuge in neutral ports, or to return to Germany, or to be scuttled.

Mr. Justice Hilbery held that when the captain sailed from Rio there was a "restraint of princes or peoples" exercised over the plaintiffs' goods. "Restraint of princes" was a peril excepted from the policy by a voluntary free clause.

The master's substitution of destination was a warlike operation with a military objective. As the voyage was a different one from the insured voyage, the claim for actual loss by scuttling also failed.

The Judge added that the other two cases must be decided on much the same reasoning.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

DECEMBER 25, 1940

STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 24	STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 24
Adams Express	5 1/2		Loew's Inc.	31 1/2	
Allegheny Steel Co.	23 1/2		Loft Incorporated	17 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	36		Mack Truck Inc.	28 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	7 1/2		Martin, Glen L.	29 1/2	
Amer. Can.	86		McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	25 1/2	
American Cyanamid B.	36		Montgomery Ward	36 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign Power	13 1/2		M'lain City Copper Co.	3	
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	14 1/2		National Aviation	10 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	15 1/2		Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2		National Distillers	22 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2		National Lead	18 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	16		Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2	
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	42 1/2		National Supply Corp.	5 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining	13 1/2		New York Central	13 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	16 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	3	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	69 1/2		N. American Aviation	18 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	6 1/2		North American Co.	18 1/2	
Anacosta Copper	26 1/2		Northern Pacific	5 1/2	
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	17 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	44 1/2	
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	27 1/2	
Baldwin Locomotive	16 1/2		Packard Motors	3 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2		Pan-American Airways	15 1/2	
Barber Asphalt Co.	5 1/2		Parmount Pictures	10 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2		Pennsylvania RR.	3 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	33		Philadelphia Read. Coal	3 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	65		Phillips Petroleum	40 1/2	
Buss & Co.	16 1/2		Public Service of N.J.	23 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	17 1/2		Pullman Inc.	25 1/2	
Borg-Warner	18 1/2		Pure Oil	8 1/2	
Briggs Mfg.	24 1/2		Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2	
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5		Reading Company, Com.	12 1/2	
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	34		Remington Arms Co. Inc.	5 1/2	
Case, J.I.	53 1/2		Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	
Celanese	27 1/2		Republic Steel	21 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	41 1/2		Revere Corp.	10 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	74		Reynold Tobacco "B"	30 1/2	
Columbia Gas & Elec.	—		Safeway Stores	31 1/2	
Commercial Credit Co.	28 1/2		Schenley Distillers	11	
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	4		Sears Roebuck	77 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	21 1/2		Shell Union Oil	10 1/2	
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Industrials	26.85	26.15	26.85	77 up
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The Bulletin of the American Bureau of Shipping reported recently that 330 vessels of 1,556,720 gross tons were under construction or under contract in United States shipyards on September 1st, as compared to 130 vessels of 693,115 gross tons on September 1st, 1939. The new figure also represents an appreciable increase over the figures a month ago, when 276 vessels of 1,427,710 gross tons were listed.

Reviewing the expansion programme of the Maritime Commission for the current month, the Bulletin disclosed that the commission had signed contracts for 174 vessels since its replacement schedule was started nearly three years ago. The ships ordered will have a total of 1,364,315 gross tons. Forty-two of the ships ordered are Diesel propelled and 132 are steam propelled. On September 1st the commission had laid 166 keels, launched sixty-two vessels and delivered forty-four.

SUPER-LINERS

The Maritime Commission has disclosed in Washington that only one company had bid on the construction of two super-liners planned for the San Francisco-Orient service of the American President Lines. The sole offer came from the Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding Corporation of Seattle, Wash. Specially designed for quick conversion as aircraft carriers, the two ships will have their smokestacks offset on the edges of the decks. They will have accommodations for 1,600 passengers and a crew of 500. They will displace 35,000 tons, measure about 30,000 tons gross and will be 759 feet long. Specifications call for a sustained sea speed of 24 knots and cargo space of 535,000 bale cubic feet. Seattle-Tacoma bid \$28,458,000 for each of the ships on a fixed-price basis and \$23,715,000 on an adjusted-price basis. The estimated time for building the first ship is 1,080 days and the second 1,445 days.

SPRING FOR AUTO WHEEL

Henry Ford has just received a patent (No. 2,214,456) for a new system of suspending the rear wheels of automobiles which is said to give greater riding comfort to passengers.

In the new suspension each wheel is sprung independently so that it takes up the shock of bumps with minimum transfer to the auto body.

The rear wheel axles are housed in tubes which project from the differential unit. These axle tubes are connected to the differential by two universal or oscillating joints. A bracket fixed to the car body is joined to the ends of the axle tubes by radius rods.

Each wheel is thus free to move up and down and swing independently from the other. A single spring mounted across the axle tubes takes up the shocks.

In the conventional auto, rear wheels are mounted on a rigid, non-oscillating axle tube. Mr. Ford states that prior attempts at independent rear wheel suspension were complicated and required four universal joints, instead of the two which he uses.

The patent is assigned to the Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Mich.

U.S. MILITARY COURSES BEING CONSTANTLY CHANGED BY EUROPEAN WAR TACTICS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—ARMY RESERVE OFFICERS ARE HAVING A HARD TIME KEEPING UP WITH THEIR MILITARY SCHOOLING. War department officials disclosed that courses are revised constantly to keep abreast with the European military tactics.

Each year the army specialized training schools issue revised courses to keep reserve officers studying for high rank abreast of military developments. Since the world war these courses have not changed fundamentally from year to year.

Within the last month, however, announcements of the 1940-41 courses have been issued by the adjutant general's office and hardly a branch of the service has been spared the job of learning a lot of things all over again.

GREATEST INFLUENCE

Greatest influence in the revision of tactical courses is the use to which Germany has put motor vehicles in warfare.

For example, the first course for reserve lieutenants studying to be captains formerly was The Solution of Map Problems. Now it's Tanks, Tank Weapons and Tank Maintenance.

Two new courses have appeared—Care and Operation of Motor Vehicles and Hasty Field Fortifications.

12 NEW COURSES

The infantry school announced a total of 12 new courses, most of them developed around German tactics in the invasion of Poland and France.

The air corps schools have added seven new courses, built around the use of aircraft to prepare the way for infantry advances. Germany used this strategy to an advantage, hurling dive bombers on French fixed fortifications which previously would have been attacked by the much slower process of moving artillery into position.

ARTILLERY COURSE

Artillerymen also have a lot of new wrinkles to learn. The field artillery school has issued 11 new courses; coast artillery officers have 12 new courses in their curriculum.

Cavalry courses are full of references to mechanization. One of the 12 new cavalry courses is entitled the Cavalry Horse Division, and the Mechanized Regiment in Combined Action. Another is Mechanized Cavalry. Germans coordinated mounted and mechanized troops with a high degree of efficiency in the battle of France.

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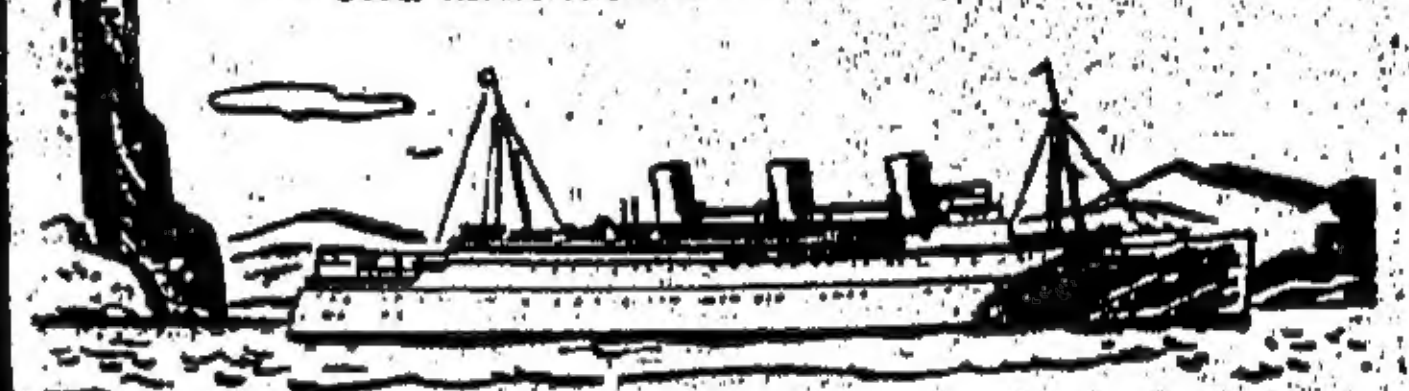
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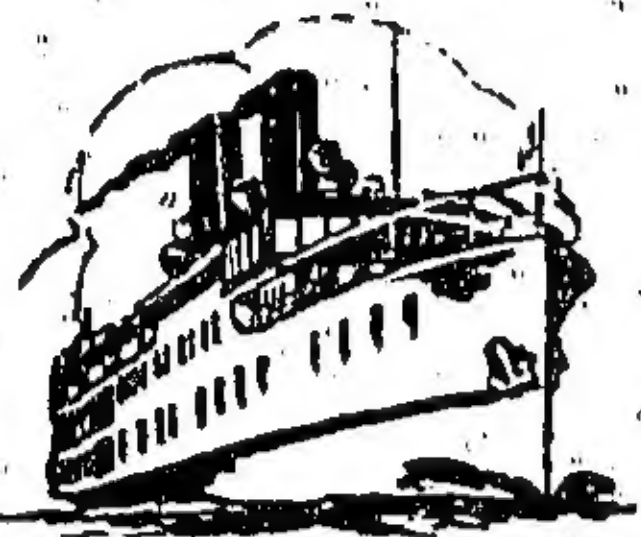
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Japanese Envoy To U.S. Believes Japan-American War Is Unnecessary

TOKYO, DEC. 2.—ADMIRAL KICHISABURO NOMURA, NEWLY APPOINTED JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, told me that he did not believe there were any differences between Japan and America that could not be settled by time and state-craft, adding that "war between the United States and Japan would be tragedy for civilization."

Through the interview, the first he has granted since his investiture by Emperor Hirohito last Tuesday, Nomura displayed a keen sense of the responsibilities he has assumed.

"No matter who won the 'first round' the peace of the Pacific area would be menaced regularly thereafter as the loser sought revenge," he declared. "We would have in this peaceful ocean the same sort of intermittent warfare that plagues Europe today."

DELICATE POST

Nomura emphasized the delicate and difficult nature of the post he had accepted, pointing out that he was well aware of the conflicting features between the fundamental policies of the United States and Japan respectively, and the dangers for both peoples that these conflicts represented.

Nomura protested that he who had spent most of his adult life in the active naval service and had little first-hand experience in diplomacy was ill equipped for the task which confronts the Japanese Ambassador to Washington; he accepted the appointment at last, he explained, only at the urgent insistence of Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka.

The Ambassador was asked how he expected to explain the tripartite alliance with Germany and Italy as an instrument not aimed at the United States.

(Unfavourable American reaction to this pact has evoked official Japanese explanations that Japan's deal with the Axis was designed to preserve peace not start war with the United States.)

NO DANGER OF WAR

Nomura explained he had not yet received his official instructions from the Foreign Minister, but personally thought there was no danger of the Axis treaty involving Japan in a war with America.

In the first place, he said, the United States was already lending Britain the utmost aid of which she was capable and has promised to increase this aid as rapidly as

possible. The United States, he added, has allied herself with the British war effort against the Axis powers without finding it necessary or advisable to become a belligerent, which it would be necessary for her to do to cause the tripartite treaty to be invoked against her.

In the second place, Nomura gave this interviewer the impression, although the treaty provides that the signatories "undertake to assist one another with all political, economic and military means when any of the three contracting parties is attacked by a power at present not involved in the European war or Sino-Japanese conflict," this does not necessarily bind Japan to go to war unconditionally.

DANGER TO PEACE

The Ambassador observed that the Greco-Italian war has started since the pact was signed, yet Japan has not found it necessary to send military aid to Italy.

Danger to peace in the Pacific, which Nomura stressed throughout the interview, lay in the moral and material aid the United States Government was continuing to give the Chinese Government at Chungking. This, he said, was deeply resented by the Japanese who consider America the chief obstacle to a "pax Japonica" extending throughout East Asia.

Nomura asked "why should the United States interfere in a war so far from her own land and attempt to rob Japan of a victory so vital to her security and prosperity?"

U.S. INTERESTS

This interviewer, attempting to supply an authoritative answer, cited official American statement regarding American interests in China and paraphrased Nomura's comments on American merchants on the China coast whose businesses were being ruined by conditions created there by Japan.

The explanation (or at least partial explanation) of American aid to China appears to be that Americans found their interests in that country suffered much more as a result of Japan's efforts to establish a "new order" than they did under the old order.

Replying to questions regarding restrictions Japan has imposed on third-party trade in China's occupied areas, Nomura pointed out that Japan was fighting in China for her very existence and that an emergency so great justifies measures the army has taken in blockading certain areas as well as controlling prices, currency and trade.

TEMPORARY HARDSHIPS

Nomura said he hoped Americans would understand that conditions which imposed hardships on them the last three years were temporary and would be rectified as soon as the emergency had passed.

Replying to another question, Nomura said he did not know exactly why the lower Yangtze remained closed to all foreign shipping except Japanese despite the assurance that Nomura himself, as foreign minister, gave U. S. Ambassador Joseph C. Grew on Dec. 18, 1939, that the river would be reopened shortly. Nomura said he presumed changed circumstances on the spot as well as elsewhere necessitated re-examination of the questions and had led to the decision that the time was inopportune to reopen the river.

NEW FORMULA

Nomura's appointment, which was received with great satisfaction in American circles here, gave rise to reports that he accepted the appointment only after he and Matsuoka had devised a new formula they felt certain would alleviate the present severe strain on American-Japanese relations.

If such plans exist, however, Nomura's diplomatic discretion was more than adequate to conceal it. Throughout the lengthy conversation in the "foreign room" at Nomura's residence, the Ambassador gave the impression he

PARADOX OF PACIFISM

Ethics And Defence

The paradox of pacifism for British people is that we are all pacifists, and there is no pacifism. We are all ultimate pacifists. We all desire to see a warless world. We are fighting to re-establish the world on a basis of equity, liberty, and a worthy peace, writes T. G. R. in the Sydney Morning Herald.

And there is not a pacifist amongst us—not one, that is to say, who pushes the rational of his principles through to their inevitable corollary.

For a real pacifist, when his country went to war, would feel constrained to migrate to a neutral country, because his conscience would not allow him to accept the freedom secured him by his own country's use of force. He would refuse to work, to pay his taxes, or to buy anything, because his work and his taxes, direct and indirect, would help his country's war effort.

Many holding pacifist convictions have rendered great service in ambulance units. That is splendid; but illogical; for he who holds the sponge identifies himself with his principal in the ring, and, moreover, a large function of the ambulance is to restore the soldier that he may fight again.

When the world is prepared for it, the principles of pacifism can be universally applied.

In the meantime, unilateral pacifism simply does not fit in with things as they are—as partial British experiment has demonstrated, to the world's infinite cost. The pacifist, like everybody else, must live in the world as it is today, not the world of the past, not even the world of fifteen months ago.

It is difficult to see how any responsible section of the Christian Church could come to any other conclusion, especially in the face of Hitler's declared intention of "tearing up Christianity, root and branch, and annihilating it in Germany."

LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE

We are fighting for infinitely more than democratic principles. We are fighting against the enslavement of mind and conscience imposed by Nazism on its own peoples, and those of every country it has over-run. Jesus said He came to "proclaim release for the captives, and to set at liberty them that are bruised," and He is the inspiration of that humanitarianism which grasps the sword of noble release.

One cannot, therefore, hold it to be Christian to accept the freedom which others are bleeding to give, and then turn round and tell them they are doing a wicked thing.

Christianity aims at the creation of an ideal brotherhood in which war would be unthinkable.

Bethune-Baker, in "The Influence of Christianity on War," is, no doubt, right when he interjects the absence from the teachings of Christ of condemnation of war in the abstract is due to the fact that Christ foresaw that the establishment of that ideal brotherhood would be a long and gradual process, and, in the course of that process, situations might arise in which it would be incumbent upon men of goodwill to use force in their resistance to aggressive violence. Precisely such a situation arose for our nation in 1918.

Pacifists and non-pacifists are agreed that aggressive violence is contrary to the spirit of Christ; the difference between them is on the ethics of using force for defence and release. It is difficult to see how it could be contrary to the spirit of Christ to take any measures requisite to free human lives and minds from the fetters forced in Hitler's evil smithy. In times like ours, it is well to stay our minds on the immutable laws of God.

Here is one, enunciated by Christ Himself, and repeated in the Book of Revelations: "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." This implies that a second sword must be raised up to strike down the sword of the aggressor. No logic can show how the aggressor can be stricken down with the sword, unless a sword is lifted up against him. No wish can eliminate that second sword—the sword of defence and release.

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